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The following is an article that was posted to VERITAS' internal website on February 22, 2005.

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Symantec Showcases Strategy and Solutions at RSA Conference 2005

John W. Thompson outlined Symantec's vision for the security industry and its evolution in a powerful keynote address at the 14th annual RSA Conference in San Francisco on Tuesday, February 15.

We must balance the need for availability with the imperative that we all have for security, said John Thompson. At Symantec we intend to lead, to innovate and to be first movers in this wonderful industry of ours.

It's Time to Do More

Speaking from the main stage before a packed audience at the sprawling Moscone Center, Thompson said that the challenges of cost, complexity and compliance are shifting the paradigm for security specialists across the IT industry landscape.

To stay relevant, IT security technology vendors will need to expand into areas outside of the traditional security business, such as storage and systems management, and take a more proactive, holistic and comprehensive approach to enterprise security.

Until today we charted the frontier of the IT environment as security specialists. We patrolled the borders. We spotted the threats. We alerted those at risk, said Thompson. It's time to do more than raise red flags and block threats. Integrated infrastructure management means addressing all forms of risk before they strike as well as after. It's about disaster recovery. It's about systems availability. It's about proactive protection of the entire infrastructure, especially the information.

The message affirmed Symantec's planned merger with VERITAS and previous acquisitions of ON Technology, a software infrastructure solution provider, and PowerQuest, a storage management software provider. Together, the capabilities and technologies from these leading organizations are helping Symantec build a unified portfolio of solutions to provide customers with a truly secure and available enterprise infrastructure.

An hour earlier on the same stage, Bill Gates, Microsoft's Chairman and Chief Software Architect, highlighted some of the company's progress toward its three-year-old Trustworthy Computing initiative. Gates announced that Microsoft would introduce a consumer antivirus product by the end of the year and a new beta version of the Internet Explorer browser with improved security capabilities sometime this summer. Microsoft will also provide its new AntiSpyware protection, released last month in beta, as a free addition to the Windows operating system.

Thompson said he applauds Microsoft's security initiatives. They are very necessary, but in my opinion, not sufficient for large enterprises. They don't offer a cross-platform heterogeneous solution and genetically may be incapable of doing so, he said, drawing

applause from the capacity crowd. That's why Symantec and other purpose-built security companies will always be a better alternative.

Reaction to both the speech and Symantec's strategy continue to rate highly with customers. BusinessWeek's reporter at RSA, Sarah Lacy, wrote that security buyers want more convergence and that while the financial community hasn't fully embraced the VERITAS merger, many of the customers at RSA she talked to love it. See what some of those customers had to say below.

Symantec Media Roundtable

Immediately following the keynote, Symantec hosted a media roundtable, moderated by Jon Oltsik, Senior Analyst with the Enterprise Strategy Group.

John Thompson welcomed journalists from more than 30 international news organizations, including The Wall Street Journal, The Australian, The Los Angeles Times, Computerworld Denmark, Reuters and BusinessWeek. Also participating in the exclusive invitation-only event were about 30 financial analysts from various investment banks and brokerages, including Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Lehman Brothers, Thomas Weisel Partners and Deutsche Bank.

A select group of senior security executives from several large enterprise customers were on hand to discuss their organizations' experiences with various security issues and express support for Symantec's technology strategy. These included Richard Jackson, Chief Information Protection Officer, ChevronTexaco Corporation; Rich Baich, CISSP, CISM, Chief Information Security Officer, ChoicePoint; Tom Jones, Chief Information Security Officer, Health and Human Services Data Center for the State of California; and Malcolm Kelly, Director of Global IT Security for Reuters.

Tom Jones, said that there is an increasing need for security technologies that can help companies enable better integrity and availability of stored data. As an organization that handles more than 150,000 customers in a regulated industry, the agency faces a huge challenge in protecting the more than 300 terabytes of data it currently stores.

Our protection requirements are all focused around HIPAA, Jones said. Using point products to protect data won't be good enough in the long term.

ChevronTexaco Corporation has begun taking a more integrated view of the operational risks posed by its information technologies, said Richard Jackson. ChevronTexaco's IT infrastructure includes more than 40,000 desktops, 8,000 laptops, 750 servers and over 500 terabytes of data stored around the world.

We are integrating information risk components into a single-risk entity to enable better security of this data, Jackson said. Decision quality is central, so integrity of data is crucial.

Symantec Corporation has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the merger transaction involving Symantec and VERITAS with the SEC on February 11, 2005. Any offer of securities will only be made pursuant to a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus. Investors and security holders are urged to read this filing (as well as the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus when it becomes available) because it contains important information about the merger transaction. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Symantec by contacting Symantec Investor Relations at 408-517-8239. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by VERITAS by contacting VERITAS Investor Relations at 650-527-4523.

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