



## **Covad DSL Network Supports EarthLink's New, Faster Consumer Broadband Service**

### ***EarthLink High Speed 3.0 Now Available to More than 16.5 Million Households in Covad's Nationwide Network***

**San Jose, Calif., (June 9, 2004)**—Covad Communications Group, Inc. (OTCBB: COVD), a leading national broadband service provider of high-speed Internet and network access, announced today that it is supporting the launch of the new EarthLink High Speed 3.0 service, which is up to 70 times faster than a standard dial-up connection based on the average speed between a 28.8k and 56k modem.

EarthLink High Speed 3.0 is a DSL service with speeds up to 3.0Mbps, designed to meet the bandwidth and speed demands of households. This new service will be available to more than 16.5 million households in select markets throughout Covad's network.

"Covad continues to partner with EarthLink to make the broadband experience better for consumers nationwide," said Charles Hoffman, president and chief executive officer of Covad. "EarthLink now has the ability to offer millions more customers a faster and competitive DSL solution."

Prospective EarthLink customers can learn if they qualify for EarthLink High Speed 3.0 by visiting <http://www.earthlink.net/go/hispeed>. Existing EarthLink DSL customers who meet technical qualifications will be notified and automatically upgraded in June to EarthLink High Speed 3.0 for no additional fee or added commitment.

#### **About Covad**

Covad is a leading nationwide provider of integrated voice and data communications. The company offers DSL, Voice Over IP, T1, Web hosting, managed security, IP and dial-up, and bundled voice and data services directly through Covad's network and through Internet Service Providers, value-added resellers, telecommunications carriers and affinity groups to small and medium-sized businesses and home users. Covad broadband services are currently available across the nation in 44 states and 235 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and can be purchased by more than 57 million homes and businesses, which represent over 50 percent of all US homes and



businesses. Corporate headquarters is located at 110 Rio Robles San Jose, CA 95134. Telephone: 1-888-GO-COVAD. Web Site: [www.covad.com](http://www.covad.com).

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