



Covad Strategy Chief Jim Kirkland Speaks on Telecom Panel Sponsored by the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce

SAN JOSE, Calif. (Jan. 24, 2006) – Jim Kirkland, Senior Vice President for Strategic Development and General Counsel for Covad Communications Group, Inc. (AMEX:DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, today spoke on a panel entitled, "Revitalizing the Telecom Industry: What It Means for Silicon Valley." The discussion was co-sponsored by the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the TeleCONSENSUS coalition and was held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

Kirkland, the only participant representing the competitive local exchange carrier community, was joined by representatives from Cisco, AT&T, the Broadband Institute of California, and the California Cable and Telecommunications Association.

The discussion focused on strategic and regulatory issues facing the telecommunications industry and their effects on American businesses. Representative George P. Radanovich (R-CA-19) was also present to share how telecommunication reform can lead to economic gain.

"Recent regulatory stability has enabled Covad to continue to invest in new and innovative technologies and services, including our line-powered voice trial with Earthlink, cutting-edge VoIP services for small and medium enterprises, and broadband wireless," said Kirkland, "The pro-competitive network access requirements that support these initiatives are not broken, and don't need to be fixed."

Bill Kovacs, the U.S. Chamber's Vice President of Environment, Technology, and Regulatory Affairs, led the panel discussion.

About Covad

Covad is a leading nationwide provider of broadband 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.

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