



Covad Strategy Chief Jim Kirkland Provides Keynote at GLOBALCOMM™ Master Class Event “Telcos: Can't We All Just Get Along?”

SAN JOSE, Calif. (May 18, 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 provided the keynote address for the latest installment of the GLOBALCOMM™ 2006 Master Class Series. His presentation, entitled “Telcos: Can't We All Just Get Along?” highlights Covad’s experiences as both partner and competitor to other telecommunications providers. The Master Class Series, sponsored by Light Reading magazine, provides a preview of the critical industry issues to be covered at GLOBALCOMM 2006, June 4-8 in Chicago.

Reflecting on his role at Covad, where he oversees strategic development and legal, regulatory and legislative affairs, Kirkland recounted the challenges Covad has confronted and how Covad successfully addressed them. Key themes that he discussed included:

- Building a Sustainable Business – Working with Partners and Going Solo
- “Send Lawyers, Guns and Money” – Dealing with Changes in the Regulatory Environment
- Grappling with Technology – Opportunities and Challenges in New Services, Products and Infrastructure

“In its decade of existence, Covad has had to continuously evolve its business to respond to changes in the regulatory and business environment. This flexibility provides useful lessons for other network operators and their potential partners and competitors,” said Kirkland. “Covad is a pioneer and a survivor, and has exciting new opportunities for growth with a strong roster of partners and compelling services, like VOIP, for its own customers. We continue to explore new forms of convergence and the strategic alliances to make the most of them.”

Kirkland’s views on competition and the industry are also shaped by his previous experiences at Clearwire Technologies, a broadband wireless company, and Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo P.C. in Washington, D.C., where he worked with emerging-growth Internet, wireless, and telecommunications companies.



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, wireless broadband, 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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