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**Covad's Angela Simpson Elected
President of VON Coalition**

*Covad's Director of Government Affairs Assumes Leadership
Position with IP Telephony Industry Group*

San Jose, Calif. (March 17 , 2008) – Covad Communications Group, Inc. (AMEX: DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, announced today that Angela Simpson, Covad's Director of Government Affairs, has been elected President of the Voice On the Net (VON) Coalition. The VON Coalition is a non-profit organization that represents and promotes the interests of the Internet Telephony/IP Telephony industry worldwide.

"This organization is driven by innovative companies who are changing the telecom landscape with new products and services," said Angela Simpson. "As President, I'll continue working to limit government restrictions that could hinder the IP telephony market while helping decision-makers gain a broader understanding of the potential in the industry."

The VON Coalition also elected Caitlin Clark-Zigmond of New Global Telecom as its Chair of the Board, Kathleen Ham of T-Mobile as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Staci Pies of Skype as Vice President of State Affairs, and Paul Kenefick of EarthLink as Treasurer. The Coalition also re-elected Jamie Hedlund of Yahoo! as Vice President of Legislative Affairs; and Kevin Minsky of Microsoft as Vice President of International Affairs.

Jim Kohlenberger, the VON Coalition's Executive Director said, "As VoIP continues to transform the way we communicate, I am delighted the VON Coalition will have such an impressive group of forward-thinking industry leaders helping to shape the future. On the horizon are improvements in the way we communicate that harness the power of the Internet to deliver new voices, choices, and services. These leaders recognize that with the right policy framework, emerging Internet-based voice communications can boost broadband demand, make talking more affordable, businesses more productive, communications more accessible, and Americans more safe and secure."

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