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Covad Enables Wholesale Partner to Triple Business
Cambridge, MA-based Thinking Phone Networks targets SMB market using Covad's Business-Class Voice Optimized Access Services

San Jose, Calif. – April 29, 2008 – Covad Communications Group Inc., a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, today announced several new customers of its partner, advanced business communications provider Thinking Phone Networks. By relying on Covad's award-winning voice-optimized Internet access broadband services, Thinking Phone Networks has increased its customer base by 200 percent in the past two years.

"The number of Thinking Phone Networks customers using Covad VOA has grown by 200 percent over the past two years," said Steven Kokinos, Thinking Phone Networks chief executive officer. "We believe this expansion will continue as more nationwide customers appreciate the quality and reliability of Thinking Phone services made possible by Covad."

Thinking Phone Networks' customers utilize its voice services to connect multi-site locations, remote workers, and home offices. These nationwide customers include:

- Pay Rent, Build Credit (PRBC), a consumer credit report agency that employs VOA-driven VoIP solutions for Internet access and VPN connection between its multiple locations.
- StudyPoint, a national leader in personalized one-on-one in-home tutoring, utilizes VOA-powered voice and data services to foster close relationships with thousands of customers and to connect directors and program managers nationwide.
- Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest (CLPI), an advocacy and lobbying organization that works to promote and support non-profits and to help them meet their missions through public policy engagement. CLPI relies on Covad Voice-Optimized Access to power its voice solutions that keep its remote workers and various locations securely connected.

"The ability to work from home, in the office or on the road makes it more convenient for the CLPI staff and boosts overall productivity," says Sam Moore, CLPI's Office and Program Manager. "Covad and Thinking Phone Networks offered CLPI the best services at the right price with a customer service that responds quickly and efficiently to keep our business running smoothly."

Covad's VOA product provides the dedicated bandwidth Internet connection that powers VoIP services from more than 50 wholesale partners nationwide, enabling them to provide customers with business-class voice and data services. Covad VOA is an award-winning broadband access service that prioritizes voice packets over data on Covad's managed nationwide network all the way through the last mile. The



resulting connection minimizes packet loss, maximizes network utilization, and is designed to provide a superior voice service.

“We are excited to contribute to the rapid expansion of our valued partner, Thinking Phone Networks,” said Lisa Graham, general manager of wholesale services. “Their commitment to quality, attention to customer demand, and industry-leading voice offerings enable Covad wholesale services to exceed the expectations of a wide range of customers.”

Covad Voice-Optimized Access is available with several of Covad’s broadband access products, including T1, SDSL, and dedicated ADSL. Covad VOA fits within the existing regulatory framework and is a valuable asset for voice providers looking to reduce overall costs and complexity and to differentiate their VoIP service from competitors. In addition to VOA, Covad offers partners a broad portfolio of DSL and T1 services, including bonded T1 and next generation ADSL services that operate through the nation’s largest next-generation ADSL 2+ network. For more information on becoming a Covad partner, please visit www.covad.com/partners/join.html.

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About Covad

Covad is a leading nationwide provider of integrated voice and data communications. The company offers DSL, Voice Over IP, T1, broadband wireless, 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.