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Symantec Corporation and VERITAS Software Corporation intend to file a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a joint proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the merger transaction involving Symantec and VERITAS. **Investors and security holders are urged to read this filing when it becomes available because it will contain important information about the merger transaction.** Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other documents filed with the SEC at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Symantec by contacting Symantec Investor Relations at 408-517-8239. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by VERITAS by contacting VERITAS Investor Relations at 650-527-4523.

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**SYMANTEC AND VERITAS ANNOUNCE INTEGRATION TEAM**

*The Companies Have Engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers and Bain & Company  
to Help Manage the Integration*

**CUPERTINO, Calif., and MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. Jan. 17, 2005** Symantec Corp. (Nasdaq:SYMC) and VERITAS Software Corp. (Nasdaq:VRTS) today announced the structure of the team responsible for managing the integration of the two companies. In addition, the companies have engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers to provide merger and acquisition services related to infrastructure planning and implementation and Bain & Company to help with the integration of customer facing functions.

Symantec and VERITAS are highly complementary in terms of product lines, account coverage structure, and go-to-market approaches, said John W. Thompson, Symantec chairman and chief executive officer. At the same time, we are taking an approach that is both pragmatic and realistic when it comes to the integration challenges that lie ahead. Our synergies, along with the commitment of both companies' employees and the integration teams, should help make the integration process more manageable.

Ed Gillis, VERITAS chief financial officer, will lead the overall integration planning and management efforts for both companies. Gillis is establishing the integration management office and forming joint teams to begin the planning.

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Led by representatives from both companies, the joint teams will be focused on

Planning for the sales, services and business development structure;

Outlining the lines of business and developing the technology roadmap;

Detailing the combined company's go-to-market plans;

Integrating the services and support organizations; and

Combining the finance, infrastructure and legal operations.

**About VERITAS Software**

VERITAS Software, one of the 10 largest software companies in the world, is a leading provider of software to enable utility computing. In a utility computing model, IT resources are aligned with business needs and business applications are delivered with optimal performance and availability on top of shared computing infrastructure, minimizing hardware and labor costs. With 2003 revenues of \$1.75 billion, VERITAS delivers products and services for data protection, storage and server management, high availability and application performance management that are used by 99 percent of the Fortune 500. More information about VERITAS Software can be found at [www.VERITAS.com](http://www.VERITAS.com).

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