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j2 Global Significantly Expands Intellectual Property Assets With the Acquisition of Internet Messaging Patent Portfolio and the Issuance of Two New Patents

LOS ANGELES, June 29 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- j2 Global Communications, Inc. , a leading provider of outsourced, value-added messaging and communications services, today announced that it has acquired a portfolio of Internet messaging-technology patents and patent applications from NetOffice Solutions, LLC, and that it has also been issued two new U.S. patents for intellectual property developed internally.

The acquired portfolio includes four issued U.S. patents, two issued foreign patents, and five pending U.S. and foreign patent applications, all covering fundamental innovations in the area of unified communications and multimedia messaging systems. The patents have invention dates at least as early as January 1995.

The two newly issued patents are U.S. Patent Nos. 6,625,642 and 6,717,938. The first is directed to a method of delivering electronic mail messages from a conventional fax machine, and the second relates to a service capable of messaging to an end-user via telephone, fax, pager or VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol).

"As a leader in the outsourced messaging and communications services industry, j2 Global has invested heavily in developing technologies that provide value to our customers through cutting-edge services," said Scott Jarus, president of j2 Global. "We have documented these technologies in the form of more than 15 issued U.S. and foreign patents and numerous pending applications to ensure that our investments can be protected and perhaps capitalized upon in the form of licensing fees. The acquisition of this patent portfolio, along with our continuing investments in developing new technology, is a continuation of our dual commitment to use technology to improve our services while protecting the investments made to develop those services. In addition, as part of this acquisition, we have begun to assess the applicability of our broad patent portfolio to other industries and services, and are evaluating a program whereby we can make these technologies available to other industries."

The financial details of the transaction with NetOffice Solutions, LLC were not disclosed.

About j2 Global Communications

Founded in 1995, j2 Global Communications, Inc. provides outsourced, value-added messaging and communications services to individuals and businesses around the world. j2 Global's network spans more than 1,300 cities in 20 countries on five continents. The Company offers faxing and voicemail solutions, document management solutions, conference calling, and unified-messaging and communications services. j2 Global markets its

services principally under the brand names eFax(R), j2(R), jConnect(R), JFAX(R), eFax Corporate(R), Electric Mail(R), jBlast(R), eFax Broadcast (TM), PaperMaster(R), Consensus(TM), M4 Internet(R) and Protifax(R). As of March 31, 2004, j2 Global had achieved 28 consecutive quarters of revenue growth and nine consecutive quarters of positive earnings. For more information about j2 Global, please visit <http://www.j2global.com/>.

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