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The following letter from Thomas Kendra, Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales of Symantec, was distributed to certain of Symantec's business partners on December 16, 2004.

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Name

Company

Address

City, ST, Zip

Dear VALUED PARTNER,

Information is the lifeblood of every modern organization. Companies are working to balance the need to both secure that information and make it available, ensuring its integrity. We believe information integrity provides the most cost-effective, responsive way to keep businesses up, running and growing no matter what.

On December 16, 2004, Symantec Corporation, the world leader in information security, and VERITAS Software Corporation, the world leader in storage software announced that they have signed a merger agreement. The planned merger is subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals. We currently anticipate closing in the second calendar quarter of 2005.

As a single company post merger, our objective is to offer a comprehensive set of products and complementary services to help you build new solutions that drive cost and complexity out of your customer's operating environments and help them drive their businesses with confidence. The combined company will offer small, medium and large enterprises a more effective way to secure and manage their most valuable asset—their information.

Until the merger closes we will work with you—business as usual—and are committed to maintaining a successful, mutually beneficial relationship and to delivering the high level of programs and support you are accustomed to. Post merger, we plan to provide you with a single business partner program that will work with you to create opportunities for revenue growth.

Symantec considers its partners an integral part of its team and key to our ongoing success. Our belief is that you and your customers will see significant benefit from a company capable of providing end-to-end information security and availability solutions. If you would like more information about the merger immediately and greater details about the benefits of this merger to your organization, please visit www.symantec.com or contact your Symantec account manager.

In closing, we thank you for your business and look forward to establishing an even greater partnership moving forward.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kendra
Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales

Additional Information and Where to Find It

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. 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.

Symantec, VERITAS and their directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Symantec and VERITAS in connection with the merger transaction. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the merger transaction will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus of Symantec and VERITAS described above. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of Symantec is also included in Symantec's proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 30, 2004. Additional information regarding the directors and executive officers of VERITAS is also included in VERITAS' proxy statement for its 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on July 21, 2004. These documents are available free of charge at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov and from Investor Relations at Symantec and VERITAS as described above.