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NOVELL ANNOUNCES MULTITASKING, NETWORKING DOS

SAN JOSE, CA—March 24, 1993—Reflecting the company's commitment to the world's largest installed operating system and the needs of DOS customers for enhanced functionality and better networking support, Novell today announced Novell DOS 7, the next generation DOS and a major upgrade to DR DOS 6.0. Novell DOS 7, available this summer, will significantly extend DOS technology and enhance the core functionality of DR DOS by including integrated NetWare client support, peer-to-peer networking, a network management agent, network installation, pre-emptive multitasking, enhanced memory management and desktop security, as well as a suite of protected mode drivers. Novell DOS 7 is the first major DOS upgrade to be released from Novell's Desktop Systems Group.

Novell DOS 7 is designed to be easy to use, install and administer. Its robust technology offers tighter integration with NetWare and scalable solutions from the emerging palmtop market to desktop PCs. Novell's DOS 7 will also continue to provide the best foundation for Microsoft Windows by offering Drag-and-Drop network resource capabilities. Novell DOS 7 benefits from another key technology known as DOS Protected Mode Services (DPMS), an API that allows device drivers and TSRs to reside in extended memory and execute in protected mode on 286, 386 and 486 computers. DPMS greatly reduces the demand for conventional memory, allowing customers to leverage more existing memory for applications.

Having access to network services is a critical element in today's enterprise computing environment. Novell recognizes that as desktop operating systems evolve, they must continue to be tightly integrated with the information and services found in the NetWare environment, whether those desktop systems are integrated into a workgroup or an enterprise solution. "Novell DOS 7, our next product offering, is more tightly integrated with NetWare," said Steve Tucker, Novell vice president and general manager. "Novell DOS 7 will increase our lead over the competition in providing advanced DOS system software," he added.

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DOS Protected Mode Services

DPMS is a DOS version-independent and Microsoft Windows-compatible API that provides protected mode support for device drivers and TSRs. By implementing DPMS, developers can easily add functionality and reduce conventional memory requirements of their programs. The API is available now as a Software Developers Kit (SDK) to third party developers. Developers will be able to license and distribute DPMS free of royalty charges. Novell DOS 7 will include several DPMS client components including disk cache and compression drivers, a peer-to-peer server, and CD-ROM extensions. The DPMS SDK is priced at $195 and is available through Novell's Professional Developers Program.

Novell, Inc., (NASDAQ: NOVL) is an operating system software company, the developer of network services, specialized and general purpose operating system products including NetWare, DR DOS and UnixWare. Novell's NetWare network computing products manage and control the sharing of services, data and applications among computer workgroups, departmental networks and business-wide information systems.

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