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Viaserv Announces JDBC Driver with Support for IBM WebSphere Application Server

Boulder, Colorado, August 9, 2000 – Viaserv, Inc., announced today that the Viaserv JDBC Driver, previously available for the Windows NT platform, has now been tested and released for use with IBM WebSphere Application Server on an OS/390 mainframe. It is available to existing Viaserv customers at no charge, and will be included with new licenses upon request.

The Viaserv JDBC Driver allows JDBC servlets to be written to access data and applications on an OS/390 system, using Viaserv's ViaSQL software. ViaSQL enables SQL access to VSAM, IMS, and sequential data, as well as DB2, plus programmatic access to all CICS data sources. Additionally, ViaSQL can execute existing or new business logic and data access logic. The combination of the ViaSQL middleware and the Viaserv JDBC Driver allows easy integration of mainframe systems into Java-based applications, making new options available for application design, application re-use, and platform and resource management. Viaserv anticipates interest from systems integrators and software developers as well as Viaserv's traditional customer base.

"With the verification of our JDBC Driver with WebSphere Application Server on the OS/390 platform," said Viaserv president Kim Manchak, "we can assist customers who prefer a mainframe-centric Web architecture. Data suggest that the Web-to-host market is increasing in size, and that the WebSphere solution is preferred for a variety of reasons. What we add is the ability to use a SQL-based servlet in this environment. JDBC is a SQL-oriented API, and the mainframe world has traditionally been non-relational, that is, non-SQL."

Manchak added, "Of course, the combination of WebSphere Application Server and the Viaserv JDBC Driver running on Windows NT supplied the same functionality. Now customers have the functionality plus the streamlined architectural options."

Bill Coleman, VP of marketing at Viaserv, commented, "Customers want easy ways to Web-enable their mainframes. ODBC-based systems have offered platform-specific solutions, but a fully functional, platform-independent solution requires Java. For example, with our driver, customers can use a Windows NT development environment, then move the servlet into production on OS/390. And because we enable SQL in the non-relational mainframe world, we make an OS/390 system as easy to use as your local DBMS."

The Viaserv JDBC Driver supports the JDBC 1.0 API, which can be used on both Java 1.1 and Java 2 platforms. Because it is a Type 4 driver, written completely in Java, the same driver supports execution under the appropriate Java virtual machines on OS/390, Windows NT, and UNIX. In addition to WebSphere, other Java-based application servers are supported.

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Viaserv is a Boulder, Colorado-based software company specializing in data access, delivery, and integration products. Viaserv's ViaSQL software supplies middleware functionality for IBM OS/390 and VSE mainframes. Viaserv can be reached at **800-348-3964**, at **303-415-9083**, or at **info@viaserv.com**. More information is available at the corporate website: **www.viaserv.com**.