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HP Strengthens Business Notebook Portfolio

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9, 2006 – HP today strengthened its business notebook portfolio with the introduction of five notebook PC series, including the company's thinnest and lightest notebook with an optical drive to date.

Designed for frequent travelers, the sub-three pound HP Compaq nc2400 Notebook PC series joins the HP Compaq 4400, HP Compaq nc6400, HP Compaq nx7400 and HP Compaq 8400 Notebook PC series to fill out the company's robust lineup of mobile offerings.

"Mobile connectivity is a must have for today's business professionals, but the means to achieve this varies between organizations and each individual," said Ted Clark, senior vice president and general manager, Notebook Global Business Unit, HP. "HP understands this wide variety of mobile needs and provides business customers the widest range of mobile products at virtually every price point and performance level."

The lineup now spans from ultra-light to high-performance mobile solutions that rival desktop PCs performance and functionality. Select models also integrate HP Mobile Broadband connectivity⁽¹⁾ in a way that allows end users to adapt to current and future wireless networks.

Windows® Vista capable⁽²⁾ for investment protection, the HP business notebooks feature HP Professional Innovations, a suite of hardware features and software solutions that includes technologies such as integrated biometrics and digital accelerometers designed to enhance security, improve ease of use and help ensure reliability. In addition, HP's business notebook accessory solutions such as Smart AC Adapters and common docking solutions work across the notebook lineup for even greater convenience.

HP Compaq nc2400 Notebook PC: The Ideal Travel Partner
HP's thinnest and lightest business notebook with optical drive to date, the HP Compaq nc2400 Notebook PC is designed for frequent travelers with its ideal balance of size and functionality. With a starting weight of less than three pounds and less than one-inch thin, the nc2400 offers a 12.1-inch widescreen display with large viewable area, integrated optical drive support, full-size keyboard, flexible battery solutions and a variety of wired and wireless communication solutions to maximize productivity while on the go. Additionally, the convenient, easy-to-use HP 2400 Series Docking Station accessory features port replication and cable management in a space-saving design.

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HP Compaq 4400 Series: Versatile Mobility

Configurable as either a notebook PC or a convertible tablet PC, the versatile HP Compaq 4400 series is ultra-light, power-packed and adaptable to the way users work. A tablet PC, the tc4400 is a full-function notebook with the added convenience of handwriting input. Intel® Core™ Duo processors⁽³⁾ allow simultaneous use of multiple applications so users can accomplish more in less time and power-saving features enhance battery life.

The tc4400 also features a 12.1-inch XGA display with 160-degree wide viewing angle and an optional outdoor viewable panel^(4,5) to increase productivity – even in outdoor or bright environments. Design features such as the sparkle-free glass enhance durability and provide a comfortable writing surface. Users can enjoy peace of mind when on the road as this convertible tablet also offers enhanced security with an integrated biometric fingerprint reader and a TPM security chip.

HP Compaq nc6400 Notebook PC: Thin-and-Light Widescreen Wireless Broadband

The HP Compaq nc6400 Notebook PC offers investment protection with modular mobile broadband capabilities^(1,6) that are designed to allow users to upgrade to select future wireless networks such as CDMA 2000 1xEVDO or, later this year, UMTS/HSDPA by simply changing out wireless modules.⁽⁵⁾

This thin-and-light notebook also features 14.1-inch widescreen displays, HP Privacy Filter, a built-to-fit security filter that narrows the viewing angle without blurring or image distortion ensuring the screen is visible only to the user, powerful Intel Core Duo processors⁽³⁾ and 3D graphics to deliver the optimal balance of connectivity and performance.

HP Compaq nx7400 Notebook PC: Affordable Widescreen Productivity

The Compaq nx7400 Notebook PC is targeted for price-conscious users looking for performance and a widescreen in a thin-and-light package. Intel Core Duo processors⁽³⁾ and 15.4-inch widescreen displays deliver greater productivity, while strong, yet lightweight magnesium-alloy frames offer best-in-class mobility.

HP Compaq 8400 Notebook PC Series: Robust Widescreen Performance

Armed with Intel Core Duo processors⁽³⁾ and high-performance discrete graphics, the HP Compaq 8400 Notebook PC series is a powerful mobile office that rivals any notebook or desktop PC. Powerful ATI graphics deliver the performance, quality and stability required for demanding projects, and the 15.4-inch widescreen display boasts anti-glare and wide-viewing angle technology⁽⁴⁾ in addition to a full size keyboard for greater productivity.

Pricing and availability⁽⁷⁾

- HP Compaq nc2400 Notebook PC starts at \$1,599 and is expected to be available mid-May.
- HP Compaq tc4400 Tablet PC starts at \$1,649 and is expected to be available early June.
- HP Compaq nc6400 Notebook PC starts at \$1549 and is expected to be

available mid-May.

- HP Compaq nx7400 Notebook PC starts at \$749 and is expected to be available mid-May.
- HP Compaq 8400 Notebook PC series starts at \$1,599 and is expected to be available mid-May.

More information on these HP notebook PCs and other HP mobility solutions is available in an online press kit at www.hp.com/go/Mobility2006.

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(1) Wireless use requires separately purchased service contract. Access limited to coverage area of service provider. Check with service provider for availability and coverage.

(2) This system may require upgraded and/or separately purchased hardware, drivers and/or software to take full advantage of Windows Vista functionality.

(3) Dual-core is a new technology designed to improve performance of certain software products. Check with software provider to determine suitability. Not all customers or software applications will necessarily benefit from use of this technology.

(4) Available on select models.

(5) Sold separately or as an optional feature.

(6) Available in the United States only.

(7) Estimated U.S. street prices. Actual prices may vary.

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