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AltaVista Achieves Record Traffic and Substantial Ad Revenue Growth; Popularity Fuels Expansion Plans

MAYNARD, Mass., Feb. 17 /PRNewswire/ -- Digital Equipment Corporation (NYSE: DEC) today announced its AltaVista Search Service now delivers 32 million page views per day to 18 million individual Internet users worldwide. The achievement of 32 million page views per day places the AltaVista Search Service second in page view popularity among search engines. Digital also reported advertising revenue on the AltaVista site increased 267 percent in 1997, including 41 percent grow in the last quarter, as advertisers sought to capitalize on AltaVista's huge global audience and superior user demographics. The company also outlined its plans to expand the AltaVista Search Service with new content and e-commerce capabilities for its millions of Internet users worldwide.

"All of the standard industry statistical measurements show strong growth and demand for the AltaVista Search Service," said Bob Hult, vice president and general manager of Digital's AltaVista Search Service. "We believe our recent investments in technology, our continuing improvements in AltaVista's content organization and search results, and the significant contributions of our advertising partner, DoubleClick, Inc., have been the foundation for our success in this dynamic market. Our planned addition of new intuitive search service zones will further enhance productivity and enjoyment for AltaVista users worldwide."

New Search Services For Enhanced Productivity

Digital's expansion plans for AltaVista include the addition of new zone search areas that will allow instantaneous access to news, travel, finance, image, family and health information through a streamlined, easy-to-use interface. With the click of a mouse, users will be able to access information related to any of these subject areas located anywhere on the Internet. Commerce areas will also be implemented, which will enable users to do their shopping on the Internet, make travel arrangements and communicate globally.

AltaVista's new search zone capabilities will complement other recent content enhancements. These include subject-area searches developed in partnership with LookSmart; personal and business search directory capabilities in partnership developed with Switchboard, Inc.; and an entertainment content area co-produced with One Zero Media (producers of CBS-TV's "Wild Wild Web," the largest syndicated television show about the Internet).

AltaVista Country Sites

Digital is also launching a series of country sites that provide faster service for local users, and the most comprehensive index of local information on the Internet. The country sites offer localized content and seamless access to both the World Wide Web and a country-specific index. The first of

these country sites, AltaVista Canada, was recently launched in partnership with TELUS. Other country sites will be launched later this year, beginning with Northern Europe.

About DoubleClick, Inc.

DoubleClick, Inc. (<http://www.doubleclick.net>) is a leading provider of comprehensive Internet advertising solutions for advertisers and Web publishers. The Company's technology and media expertise enable it to dynamically deliver highly targeted, measurable and cost-effective Internet advertising for advertisers and to increase ad sales and improve ad space inventory management for Web publishers.

DoubleClick, Inc., an independent, privately-held company with headquarters in New York City, maintains offices in London, Tokyo, Madrid, Sydney, Sweden, Toronto, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, and Silicon Valley, and is further expanding into additional European countries and the Pacific Rim.

About AltaVista Search Network

Celebrating its second anniversary year, Digital's fast and powerful AltaVista Search Network is the premier solution for locating information on the Internet. A forerunner in Internet search engines, AltaVista has set new standards, from indexing the entire Internet to providing instant language translation capabilities. Now regarded as one of the top destination sites on the Web, AltaVista has won numerous awards worldwide for its Internet innovation and advanced technology. The AltaVista Search Network flagship site is located at <http://altavista.digital.com>.

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