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PLANTAGENET NAMES COUILLARD SENIOR ADVISOR

Hewlett-Packard France Veteran Will Focus on Technology Investments for Plantagenet

Paris, April 17, 2000 – Plantagenet Capital Management LLC today announced it has named Yves Couillard Senior Advisor for its European investment strategy, with the mandate of developing technology investment opportunities for all stages of investment including venture capital, buyout and Internet transformations. Couillard comes to Plantagenet after seventeen years at Hewlett-Packard Europe, most recently as President and Managing Director of Hewlett-Packard France.

Ollivier Lemal, Managing Partner of Plantagenet, said, “Yves Couillard is a wonderful addition to the Plantagenet team. His background in administration, finance and general management at Hewlett-Packard France is outstanding as well as his extensive experience throughout Europe. He will work closely with us to identify basically sound companies with opportunities for business that we can quickly address to achieve profitable exit strategies for our investors.”

Couillard came to Hewlett-Packard France in 1983 with 13 years of experience in production and logistics and industrial engineering for several French manufacturing companies. He has a degree in chemical engineering from Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Rennes, with an MBA from CPA-Paris and an AMP from the Wharton School.

C. Derek Anderson, Plantagenet’s Senior Managing Partner, added, “We welcome Yves to the Plantagenet family. His in-depth experience in technology and worldly perspective on e-

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commerce will greatly enhance Plantagenet's already successful history of private equity turnarounds in Europe and the U.S."

With its headquarters in San Francisco at the nexus of the New Economy, Plantagenet's private equity funds invest in a broad range of opportunities that draw on the firm's ability to quantify value and define successful strategy.

Plantagenet Capital Management LLC (www.plantagenetcapital.com) is a San Francisco private equity firm with an office in Paris. Plantagenet's primary focus is on early and later-stage investments in the United States and Europe.

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