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**NEWEST RELEASE OF SYNCSORT'S BACKUP EXPRESS EXTENDS SUPPORT
FOR NOVELL NETWARE, JUKEBOX AND DATABASE APIS, AND 64-BIT
ARCHITECTURE**

Version 2.1.5D of Backup Express offers increased functionality in a number of critical
areas

Orlando, Florida, October 27, 2003 – Today at Storage Networking World, Syncsort Incorporated announced that the latest release of Backup Express, their enterprise-wide backup and restore solution for heterogeneous networks, is now available.

Capitalizing on its strategic partnership with Novell to offer the highest level of support for Novell's NetWare operating system, Backup Express version 2.1.5D includes enhanced functionality for NetWare 6.5, fully exploiting NetWare's advanced capabilities, including pre-script and post-script support, controller node support, and automatic device spanning, ensuring reliable, high-performance backup for the enterprise. The new release also now supports incremental backups of eDirectory 8.7 at the database or disk level.

Backup Express's increased jukebox support includes support for SDLC 2.2 and 2.3 libraries, and tape drive cleaning on demand (also known as Tape Alert support). Highlights of increased support for database interfaces include support for MS SQL server point-in-time recovery and MS Exchange Store level restore. Further, Backup Express has extended its platform support to encompass the Windows 64-bit client and device server. Additional ease of use is provided by improvements in automatic node configuration and increased robustness in handling network errors.

For more detailed information on the advances provided by Backup Express 2.1.5D please visit the Syncsort website at www.syncsort.com.

About Backup Express

Syncsort's Backup Express is an advanced, enterprise-wide backup and restore solution that supports NAS, NDMP, Storage Area Networks (SANs) and other heterogeneous network configurations. Its distributed architecture allows it to back up to any TCP/IP node in the network whether it is running UNIX, Windows, or NetWare, while maintaining a single central catalog for the entire enterprise. Backup Express can cluster tape drives, including large automated libraries, at any server on the network; dynamically allocate drives within a SAN; provide four different backup options for NDMP-based systems; keep sensitive data off the network; and allow on-line backups of large database servers such as Oracle, SAP, MS Exchange, SQL Server, Sybase, DB2 and Lotus Notes.

About Syncsort

Syncsort Incorporated is a leading developer of high-performance data warehousing software for mainframe, UNIX, and Windows environments. For over 30 years, Syncsort has built a reputation for superior product performance and reliable technical support. An independent market research firm has named Syncsort one of the top Data Warehouse 100 Vendors for three years in a row. Over 95 percent of the Fortune 100 companies are Syncsort customers, and Syncsort's products are used in more than 50 countries to back up and protect data in distributed environments, speed data warehouse processing, improve database loads and speed query processing. For more information, visit the Syncsort web site at www.syncsort.com.

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