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## **B2 Bredband AB (Bredbandsbolaget) Selects VERITAS Software Data Availability Solutions to Maintain the Accessibility of its Broadband Internet Services**

*VERITAS Software Provides Backup, Clustering and SAN Management Products to Meet Real-time Availability and Information Management Needs of New Broadband Carrier in Nordic Market*

**STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN – January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001** – VERITAS Software Corporation (Nasdaq: VRTS), The Data Availability Company, today announced that it has been selected by B2 Bredband AB (Bredbandsbolaget), a new broadband Internet services provider in the Nordic market, to supply an integrated product set to keep the company's broadband services continuously available to its corporate and household customers. The solution from VERITAS Software includes industry-leading backup, clustering and SAN management solutions designed to ensure maximum data availability.

"In order to compete successfully in the growing broadband Internet marketplace, it is crucial that our service is fast and highly available, with no risk of disruption," says Håkan Ihrfors, chief technology officer, Bredbandsbolaget. "Service outages are costly and damaging to customer satisfaction – a risk we cannot afford to take. We therefore chose VERITAS Software as our strategic data availability partner."

As Internet services penetrate Swedish households and workplaces, system availability and capacity is put to the test. Bredbandsbolaget is a leading broadband communications company providing 10 megabit-per-second fiber-optic network access and related broadband services primarily to residential as well as small- and medium-sized business customers. Success in this market requires not only the need for ever-increasing storage capacity, but also the highest level of system performance and availability.

"The technology challenges faced by corporations due to the stringent demands of the broadband market are tough. Ensuring systems are protected and continuously available at all times is a must for any business in this sector," said Magnus Svensson, Nordic Manager, VERITAS Software. "We are thrilled to have been selected as by Bredbandsbolaget to provide reliable solutions that offer the highest level data availability."

The solution provided by VERITAS Software comprises VERITAS NetBackup™ – providing total system backup and data protection, VERITAS Cluster Server™ – providing comprehensive availability management, VERITAS Database Edition™ for Oracle® – providing increased performance,

manageability and continuous database access, and VERITAS SANPoint Control™ – providing centralised management for automatic discovery, visualisation and zoning administration of SAN-connected devices.

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*About Bredbandsbolaget*

*B2 Bredband AB is a leading broadband communications company providing 10 megabits per second, fiber-optic network access, and related broadband services primarily to residential as well as small- and medium-sized business customers. Bredbandsbolaget is currently rolling out an extensive fiber-optic network linking key metropolitan areas in Sweden and Norway. Within these metropolitan areas, B2 is extending fiber-optic networks to customers' buildings and switched Ethernet networks within customers' buildings. In cooperation with its content and service partners, including NTL, Framfab, and Cisco, B2 will be launching services such as IP television, video-on-demand and pay-as-you-use services. These will be offered through its specially designed interactive customer broadband interface, or portal. Bredbandsbolaget operates in Sweden and Norway and intends to expand the development of its network and service offers throughout Europe. Bredbandsbolaget was founded in 1998 and currently employs more than 300 persons, with its network installed in 67,400 homes as at October 31, 2000. NTL is the largest investor, with a 25% stake in the company. Other investors include Framfab, Intel, Investor, and the Carhyle Group. Website: [www.bredband.com](http://www.bredband.com)*

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