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### **SITESCAPE ACQUIRES ACCLAIMED ALTAVISTA FORUM SOFTWARE FROM COMPAQ COMPUTER**

#### **Introduces Faster New Version and Add-on Workflow Capabilities to Enhance Team Productivity**

Alexandria, VA. (April 26, 1999) – SiteScape Inc., an Internet solutions company, announced today that it has acquired AltaVista Forum groupware software from Compaq Computer Corporation. Additionally, SiteScape announced that it is immediately releasing SiteScape *Forum 4.0*, a new and faster version of the web-based groupware solution designed to facilitate communication, sharing of resources, and collaboration between teammates and other business groups. SiteScape is an authorized Compaq enterprise reseller with a track record of successfully selling and implementing *Forum* and other AltaVista solutions.

“*Forum 4.0* is the product that takes team productivity to the next level -- it is truly innovative collaboration software for the way people work today ” said Tim Butler, president of SiteScape. “Given the extensive design work that Compaq has invested in the Forum product over the past four years and our prior experience building customized solutions for the entire AltaVista product family, we fully expect to be the industry leader in collaborative team groupware in a very short time. This investment is our first step to fulfill our vision for this market.”

“We are very confident about SiteScape’s ability to successfully develop, market and support the Forum software,” said Rick Frazier, Vice President, Enterprise Solutions Division, Compaq Computer Corporation. “We have been impressed with SiteScape’s personal relationship with its customers, and know this trait will be reflected in its continued high level of support and commitment to Forum customers.”

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SiteScape will continue to provide technical support for the thousands of current Forum clients as well as offer a discounted upgrade to the new *Forum 4.0* package. Customers can be assured of an easy transition since all assets of the product were transferred in the sale to SiteScape.

#### Version 4.0 – Improves Usability and Performance

Forum is used by business users and consumers to create a secure "virtual office" in which they can:

- Host online discussions and chats
- Share documents
- Schedule meetings using shared calendars
- Maintain personal homepages and a list of favorite links
- Review and filter information from news sources and Internet newsgroups

Version 4.0 is significantly faster and provides many new enhancements and features that increase productivity and usability, including:

- Newsgroup Feeds and personal “My News” Feature
- LDAP and ODBC Support
- Export folder listings in Microsoft Excel or Access formats
- Spell Checker (NT Servers Only)
- Expanded Search capabilities
- Improved Updating of the Docshare Search Index
- New Docshare Overloadable Methods Toolkit
- Discussion and Document-Sharing Customization from Administration Menus
- Expanded Administration and Search Toolkit Documentation

#### New Workflow Add-On Automates Business Processes

The Forum 4.0 Workflow add-on makes team collaboration faster, easier, and more efficient by routing documents to the appropriate people in the proper order, by structuring how the work must be done, and by clearly marking the current "state" of the project. A user can define types of workflow processes using menus and user-friendly HTML forms; there is no need for additional programming.

SiteScape Forum 4.0 is fully customizable and compatible with a broad range of operating systems. Created by Digital Equipment Corporation in 1995, *Forum* is available in nine different languages and is currently in use by over 1,200 organizations around the globe. *Forum* was the winner of *Network Computing's* prestigious 1998 "Well-Connected Award."

#### Pricing & Availability

SiteScape Forum Version 4.0 is priced at \$3,995 per server license and is immediately available. The one-time upgrade price from AltaVista Forum 98a is \$1,995 and from AltaVista Forum 98 is \$2,495. The SiteScape Forum Workflow Version 1.0 add-on is priced at \$2,995 and is also immediately available.

#### About SiteScape

Alexandria, Virginia-based SiteScape is a pioneer in offering Internet solutions to businesses, government and education institutions from web design and electronic publishing to e-commerce and Intranet design and implementation services. Over the past four years, SiteScape has focused on providing customization services for the AltaVista product solutions. SiteScape's hardware, software and customization services have grown by over 50% in the past year. For more information about SiteScape and its product line, visit [www.sitescape.com](http://www.sitescape.com).

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