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**WOODFOREST NATIONAL BANK SELECTS KASHYA/CISCO
SOLUTION TO REPLICATE FINANCIAL SERVICES DATA**

KBX5000/SANTap configuration implemented to drive down cost, complexity

SAN JOSE, Calif. – September 28, 2005 – Kashya, the leading supplier of data protection appliances for disaster recovery, announced today that Woodforest National Bank has selected its KBX5000 Data Replication Appliance for the Cisco MDS 9000 SANTap Service to deliver seamless data protection of business-critical financial services information.

Woodforest National Bank is one of the largest employee-owned community banks, with more than \$1.8 billion in assets and over 180 branches throughout Texas and North Carolina. Headquartered in Houston, the bank processes transactions 24/7 and in select markets has branches that are open seven days a week 24 hours a day. A key component to the company's business success is its philosophy of maximizing the use of technology 'round the clock.'

Woodforest worked with storage and network solutions provider Troubadour to develop a way to preserve bandwidth across its frame relay network with seamless failback and recovery, while driving down the cost and complexity of replication to an off-site location in Dallas from its corporate headquarters. Troubadour recommended a solution including Cisco MDS SAN switches with the Storage Services Module using SANTap to communicate with the Kashya KBX5000 at each location.

“It was important to find a solution that would enable Woodforest to securely and reliably replicate data over distance without the associated costs and complexity that such solutions typically require,” said Dean Nelson, Vice President of Storage Architecture at Troubadour. “We set about crafting a solution based on Kashya’s Data Replication Appliance and Cisco’s SSM infrastructure. The joint offering is one we strongly feel is well-suited for financial institutions.”

“What we sought was a flexible data protection solution that could seamlessly integrate into a heterogeneous computing environment and provide high availability to our corporate data with minimal management and downtime,” said Richard Ferrara, Vice President – Technology/Operations at Woodforest. “Ultimately, we decided on the Kashya/Cisco implementation because it provided us with the most robust data protection options at a fraction of the costs of other replication solutions.”

Kashya’s KBX5000 Data Replication Appliance for SANTap reduces the cost and complexity of deploying a disaster recovery solution. The Kashya solution eliminates host agents, performance bottlenecks and vendor lock-in associated with current replication technology. The appliance plugs into the Storage Services Module (SSM) linecard and continuously replicates data from any server, across any distance, between any storage. Appliances can be added as needed on demand. Service levels and policies are easily created and managed through an intuitive management console. Recovery from any data disaster is simple and quick, minimizing application outages, business disruption and data loss.

“For organizations that rely on the protection and availability of their critical business data, the Kashya KBX5000 offers security, integrity and availability across corporate data centers regardless of the distances separating them,” said Amar Rao, Kashya’s Senior Vice President of Marketing and Business Development. “Working with Cisco’s SANTap service, we are well positioned to ensure the safeguarding of corporate data via replication in the industry’s most cost-effective manner.”

About Kashya

Kashya leads the industry by reducing the cost and the complexity of data protection. Using unique technologies and an innovative approach, Kashya solutions cost-effectively solve many data protection challenges for organizations with heterogeneous server and storage infrastructures. The Kashya KBX5000 Data Protection Appliance provides best-in-class continuous remote replication (CRR) and continuous data protection (CDP) across any type of SAN environment, supporting high availability configurations with enterprise class scalability. Kashya solutions offer tremendous flexibility, including instantaneous restoration, dynamic policy-based replication, WAN compression and simple, yet powerful SAN management capabilities. The company is headquartered in San Jose, California. For more information, visit Kashya at www.kashya.com or call 1.866.KASHYA1.

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