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IBM continues to leverage the convergence of the Informix and DB2 product lines to strengthen its solid relationship with Hewlett Packard. HP servers represent a significant platform for IBM's Information Management software solutions, and they are expected to grow in importance as the combined synergies of the companies and the enriched IBM product portfolio accelerate IBM's growth in the information management market. Together, we are broadening customer choices while accelerating time to market and enhancing value for our customers.

IBM will continue to market its Information Management products on multiple platforms, including HP platforms; IBM Informix and DB2 UDB products will be as open as they have always been. In addition, IBM is committed to maintain, enhance, and market Information Management solutions on various HP server platforms for the foreseeable future.

You can be confident that HP and IBM will continue to work closely together to ensure that users have access to the best possible information management solutions on the HP-UX, TRU64 UNIX, Windows, and Linux operating environments. For example, IBM has made available various versions of IBM Informix database servers and DB2 UDB for the HP Integrity server product line based on Intel® Itanium 2 processor family on HP-UX, Linux and Windows.

For more information on IBM Informix software, visit www.ibm.com/informix. For more information regarding IBM Information Management software solutions on HP servers please visit www.ibm.com/software/data/hp.

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