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AVANQUEST UK PROVIDES ACORN WITH FULL RANGE OF LEADING SOFTWARE TITLES

ACORN COMPUTERS TO BE SHIPPED WITH PRODUCTIVITY, UTILITY AND SECURITY SOFTWARE FROM LEADING SOFTWARE PUBLISHER

Avanquest Software, a leading developer and publisher of business and consumer software for the global PC market with operations in Europe, the U.S. and Asia, has announced their latest OEM partnership with Acorn Computers. A variety of best selling software titles from Avanquest will be featured on all Acorn PCs sold in the UK.

After paving the way for computing in the 80s and 90s, Acorn Computers sees 2006 as the start of a new era. Acorn, who is actively recruiting a network of authorised resellers (AcornPartners) will be providing a new range of products to its customers, all of which will be cutting edge, extremely reliable and feature rich including the most recent range of Acorn Notebooks.

Avanquest UK will be providing some of its best selling software titles with each Acorn PC shipped in the UK. Software titles include:

- **Sun Microsystems StarOffice 8** – a fully featured office productivity program at a fraction of the cost of Microsoft Office
- **Zone Alarm Internet Security Suite** - easy-to-use, comprehensive protection against new and emerging spyware, hacker attacks, viruses, identity thieves, spam etc.
- **VCOM Autosave** - feature-packed backup software
- **VCOM Fix-It Utilities** - detects, cleans and protects your computer to keep it in optimum shape and running like new
- Custom version of **Netviewer One2One** entitled 'Acorn Remote Support Tool'. Two partners can simultaneously view each others PC screen via the internet, assign certain remote control rights to each other and jointly edit documents.

Acorn customers in the Corporate/SME, Education & Consumer/Retail markets will all reap the benefits of this partnership. By having first class trusted software and essential computing tools at a click of a button, customers will not need to invest in time and money to find the necessary software programs elsewhere.

Furthermore, Avanquest offers a dedicated software store <http://shop.avanquest.com/acorn> that will be featured on the desktop of each PC. Acorn customers can search for the latest

product releases from Avanquest and the best pricing on existing products. This online shop will also be accessible through Acorn's recently launched new look website:

www.acorncomputers.co.uk.

Stuart Field, OEM Manager at Avanquest comments "We are delighted to be working with Acorn Computers who are progressively developing their product range to meet the future needs of the market. Equipment manufacturers appreciate our products and the ease of use of our software solutions that enhance their product range for their customers."

About Avanquest UK

Avanquest UK is part of Avanquest Software, a global developer and leading publisher of best-selling personal and professional software designed for PC maintenance and security, office productivity, communications and mobility worldwide. Headquartered in France, with operating units, subsidiaries and offices located in United States, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Japan, China and Korea, Avanquest Software products are marketed in over 100 countries, through e-commerce, OEM partnerships and IT resellers. Founded in 1984 as BVRP Software and listed since December 1996 on Euronext (ISIN FR0004026714), Avanquest Software forms part of the Eurolist, NextEconomy segment and SBF 250 index. In 2005, Avanquest Software posted record financial results, with revenue of €70.6M (\$90.6M) and net income of €6.9M (\$8.8M). Additional information on Avanquest Software is available at <http://www.avanquest.com>.

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