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Full-Featured Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Presentation, and Database Programs Offer a Complete Microsoft-Compatible Productivity Solution

PLEASANTON, CA, August 08, 2006 - Avanquest Software Publishing, a leading global retail and online publisher of best-selling consumer and business software titles, today introduced its Office Professional Line. An affordable alternative to Microsoft Office, Avanquest's Office Professional Line comprises four programs - Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Presentation and DataBase - each at $49.95 suggested retail price, making them ideal for businesses, families, students and schools on a budget.

Avanquest has partnered with software developer ThinkFree® in releasing the Office Professional line.
Each Microsoft Windows®-compatible application offers the ability to seamlessly open, edit and save files directly to the corresponding Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint file formats like .doc, .xls and .ppt, so users can easily work and share documents with Microsoft Office users.

Designed with a familiar user interface, making them a snap to learn and use, each of the four programs also includes PDF support - something not available in Windows. Also, each application includes a dual license, allowing users to legally install copies for use at home and at work.

"The Office Professional Line provides a powerful yet easy-to-use solution so computer users can create and share the documents they need at a fraction of the cost that they expect to pay," said Christina Seelye, president & CEO Avanquest Publishing U.S.A. "With the Office Professional Line, users get powerful functionality as well as the ability to exchange files with the costlier Microsoft programs at significant savings. Families, small businesses, schools and other budget conscious organizations now have a true alternative to MS Office products for the first time."

The Office Professional Line includes:

WordWrite Professional - a full-featured word processing application that enables users to easily create professional, quality documents. Its ability to open, edit and save directly into the Microsoft Word compatible (.doc) format, allows users to easily work and share documents with anyone and its familiar user interface makes creating documents right out of the box a reality.

Spreadsheet Professional - the complete solution for analyzing and visually communicating data in dynamic 2D and 3D charts and graphs. Spreadsheet Professional turns data into useful information with over 300 built-in formulas and 40 different graph types and seamlessly works with Microsoft Excel (.xls) file types, to make information sharing easy.

DataBase Professional - a powerful tool to enter, organize, and share information, and allow multiple users to simultaneously access and update the same data. The easy-to-install program has the ability to import files from the most popular databases and includes 30 built-in templates and over 100 formatted reports for business and home use.

Presentation Professional - a full-featured presentation application that creates dynamic slideshows with animation effects to enhance the viewing experience and make an impact on the audience. With the ability to open, edit and save directly into the Microsoft PowerPoint compatible format (.ppt), the program enables users to easily share slides with anyone.

Avanquest Office Professional Line applications are sold individually and available online at www.avanquestusa.com and at leading retail outlets. The software is compatible with systems running Windows 98/Me/2000/ or XP with 256 MB of memory and is licensed for installation on two PCs.

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