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**3Com Strikes Licensing Deal for AudioFAX Fax Technology**

CHICAGO and ATLANTA, Oct. 9 /PRNewswire/ -- 3Com Corporation (Nasdaq: COMS) and AudioFAX IP LLC announced today that 3Com has entered into a patent license agreement for the use of AudioFAX's fax technology.

The AudioFAX patents cover a broad range of inventions that incorporate fax store-and-forward technologies. Many of these are used daily by millions and include products and services such as fax mail, fax broadcasting, and "real time" fax over the Internet.

"The addition of 3Com to our long list of licensees is extremely rewarding to AudioFAX," stated Mark Bloomfield, Managing Director of AudioFAX. "It also demonstrates the continuing value and importance of these pioneering fax patents."

"Our primary focus is to provide our service provider customers with a range of enhanced services that will allow them to compete more effectively in a rapidly evolving marketplace," said John Leikness, director, enhanced services produce management, CommWorks, a business unit of 3Com. "The ability to provide fax technology helps us accomplish this objective."

AudioFAX IP LLC was established to license and administrate its telecommunications patents. The company was created as a spin-off from AudioFAX, Inc., an Atlanta-based company founded in 1987, which is credited with pioneering many of the technologies now used in the enhanced fax industry. AudioFAX initiated a patent licensing program in early 1997 with the help of the intellectual property consulting firm of InteCap and the law firms of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy LLP (licensing and litigation counsel) and Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice (patent counsel).

Since inception, the AudioFAX Patent Licensing Program has entered into license agreements with over 20 companies, some of which include AT&T, Sprint, MCI Telecommunications, Cable & Wireless, Mitel, FaxNet Corp. (now part of Critical Path), Omtool, Premiere Technologies (PTEK Holdings), Boston Technology (now part of Comverse Technology), Delrina Corporation (now part of Symantec),

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Digital Sound Corporation (now part of Unisys), FaxSav (now part of Mail.com), Bazillion, Concord Technologies, UNIFI Communications, VoiceCom Systems (now part of PTEK Holdings) and Xpedite (now part of PTEK Holdings).

"The execution of an agreement with another high quality licensee such as 3Com continues to strengthen the AudioFAX Patent Licensing Program and focuses the licensing team on the abundant licensing opportunities still available in the enhanced fax industry," remarked David A. Kennedy, Managing Director of InteCap.

Earlier this year, AudioFAX was issued a Re-examination Certificate from the USPTO for U.S. Patent No. 4,994,926. It was the second re-examination of the '926 Patent and the USPTO's third stamp of approval confirming the validity of the '926 Patent.

"With the strength of the AudioFAX patents once again confirmed by the USPTO and additional companies like 3Com recognizing the value and importance of the AudioFAX fax patents, our licensing program has never been more active or successful," said William Ragland, Co-Chair of Powell Goldstein's Technology & Intellectual Property Group.

Companies interested in obtaining a license to the AudioFAX patents may contact David Kennedy or Michael McLaughlin of InteCap at (404) 874-0026 or [dkennedy@intecap.com](mailto:dkennedy@intecap.com) and [mmclaughlin@intecap.com](mailto:mmclaughlin@intecap.com).

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