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The 451 Group Adds Four More Technology-Industry Veterans to its Analyst Ranks

New Team Members Contribute to Expanding Coverage of Key Enterprise IT Topics, Including Enterprise Software, Storage, Networks and M&A

New York, September 21, 2006 – The 451 Group – a privately held, New York-based technology-industry analyst company focused on the business of enterprise IT innovation – welcomes four more technology-industry veterans to its ranks. With these latest additions, The 451 Group continues to grow at a rapid pace, responding to increasing demand for its services. Henry Baltazar, former technical analyst for eWeek Labs, joins The 451 Group as a storage analyst. Brenon Daly, previously a reporter for *The Deal*, joins as a financial analyst covering emerging software companies with a focus on IT merger and acquisition (M&A) activity. Andy Dornan was a former reporter for a number of technology trade publications, and he now joins The 451 Group as an analyst covering network infrastructure. And Kathleen Reidy, independent consultant and writer and former Giga Information Group (now part of Forrester Research) analyst, joins as an analyst covering enterprise software.

“These technology-industry veterans have a combined 32 years of experience, which we are now able to tap into in order to strengthen our coverage of key innovation sectors within enterprise IT, as well as enhance the insight we deliver to our more than 600 clients,” said Martin V. McCarthy, chief executive officer of The 451 Group.

Henry Baltazar joins The 451 Group as a storage analyst. Prior to joining The 451 Group, Henry spent nine years working as a technical analyst for eWeek Labs, covering storage, server hardware and network operating systems. He also initiated the testing of various technologies, including data replication, clustering, virtual tape libraries, storage virtualization, SAN management, NAS, iSCSI and email archiving. In addition, Henry was a member of eWeek's editorial board and provided content for the magazine's enterprise storage blog.

Brenon Daly is a financial analyst covering emerging software companies with a focus on IT M&A activity. Before joining The 451 Group, Brenon was a reporter for *The Deal*, an M&A-focused publication, for which he authored analytical pieces and breaking news stories on the software and Internet sectors. He also previously worked as an analyst at Intellectual Capital Associates /IAB Media, where he generated in-depth research reports on security software and CRM/BI, as well as spot analysis on trends for boutique research firms. Before that, he was a senior reporter at CBS MarketWatch.com covering the software and Internet sectors. In addition, Brenon has written for international financially focused organizations, including *The Economist Intelligence Unit*, *United Press International* and *Prognosis*.

Andy Dornan joins The 451 Group as an analyst covering network infrastructure, including switches, wireless networks and IP telephony. Before joining The 451 Group, Andy spent eight years as a reporter, editor and columnist at technology trade publications *Data Communications*, *Network Magazine*, *IT Architect* and *InformationWeek*. During that time, he won numerous journalism awards, including two Jesse H. Neal Awards from American Business Media and four Maggie Awards from the Western Publishing Association. He also authored a book, 'The Essential Guide to Wireless Communications Applications,' that is used as a standard text in many college courses.

As an analyst of the enterprise software space, **Kathleen Reidy** covers content management, search, information retrieval and content-related technologies. She joins The 451 Group after nearly a decade of experience in the content management, portal and search industries. Most recently she has been an independent consultant and writer for publications including *Portals Magazine*, *eContent Magazine* and *The Gilbane Report*, as well as for software vendors including BEA and FatWire. Kathleen previously held product management and product marketing positions in Sun Microsystems' software division, managing search, portal and content management technologies and partners. She also spent four years as an analyst at Giga Information Group (now part of Forrester Research), where she rose to lead Giga's coverage of the enterprise portal, search, content aggregation and information management markets.

About The 451 Group

The 451 Group is an independent technology-industry analyst company focused on the business of enterprise IT innovation. The company's analysts provide critical and timely insight into the market and competitive dynamics of innovation in emerging technology segments. Clients of the company – at vendor, investor, service-provider and end-user organizations – rely on 451 insight to support both strategic and tactical decision-making for competitive advantage.

The 451 Group is headquartered in New York, with offices in key locations, including San Francisco, London and Boston. The company also operates Tier 1 Research – an independent division of The 451 Group, headquartered in Minneapolis – which analyzes the financial and industry implications of developments impacting public and private companies within the IT, communications and Internet sectors.

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