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## **Adobe Acrobat 4.0 Software Makes Collaborating and Sharing Documents A Breeze**

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**Adobe Acrobat 4.0 is Now Available and Adobe Delivers New Technology to Make PDF Files More Accessible**

San Jose, Calif., (April 12, 1999) (Nasdaq: ADBE)—Adobe Systems announced today the immediate availability of Adobe® Acrobat® 4.0 software for Windows® and Macintosh. Introduced in February, Adobe Acrobat 4.0 is simply one of the most reliable tools to help people collaborate and share information across computers, corporate Intranets and the Web.

Adobe Acrobat 4.0 delivers a rich set of annotation tools, support for digital signatures, the ability to easily collect Web content into the Portable Document Format (PDF) and re-use information within PDF files.

The new features in Acrobat 4.0 will enhance the ability of Palo Verde, the largest power-producing facility in the western hemisphere, to manage documents related to its highly-regulated, closely monitored operations.

“We maintain or create more than 1,800 procedures and 25,000 electronic work documents annually that outline critical plant operations,” says Warren Martin, technical consultant at Palo Verde, Tonopah, Arizona. “Acrobat 4.0 will streamline this process considerably by allowing employees to quickly review and edit these work documents electronically. Our goal is to convert everything we possibly can to PDF so that staff can access it at the desktop—saving us time and ensuring continued safety.”

PDF is quickly becoming the file format of choice for delivering press ready files for print production. Acrobat 4.0 offers a variety of new high-end publishing features that promise to greatly improve today’s prepress workflows and streamline the overall print process to increase productivity. Acrobat 4.0 provides support for high-end features such as ICC profiles, full support for Adobe PostScript® 3™, and tools for making last-minute changes to text and graphics within a PDF file.

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### **Adobe Makes PDF More Accessible**

In addition to shipping Adobe Acrobat 4.0, the company also introduced today a new Web server companion tool that makes PDF files more accessible on corporate Intranets, the Web and—for the first time—to the visually impaired. Available to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and Independent Software Vendors (ISVs), the Adobe Document Server allows users to view documents in PDF within their Web browsers without the Acrobat Reader software installed on users' machines. It converts PDF files to JPEG, GIF or HTML text. Because it converts PDF files to text, conventional screen reading programs can now read PDF files, and PDF content can now be fully indexed by Internet search engines.

“Acrobat 4.0 makes PDF the common currency for delivering documents anywhere, and now the Adobe Document Server extends the availability of documents in PDF to a much wider audience,” said Joe Eschbach, vice president, Document Solutions, Adobe Systems. “Because the Adobe Document Server doesn't require the Acrobat Reader to reside on a user's desktop, it opens the doors for Acrobat and PDF to be used for a wider variety of applications.”

### **Pricing and Availability** **Adobe Acrobat 4.0**

Adobe Acrobat 4.0 software for Windows and Macintosh\* is available today at the expected street price of US\$249. All registered users of Adobe Acrobat 2.x software and above can upgrade to Adobe Acrobat 4.0 software for US\$99.00. Customers who purchased Adobe Acrobat 3.0 software after February, 16, 1999 are eligible to receive a free upgrade to Acrobat 4.0 with proof of purchase. For more information customers can call their local Adobe authorized reseller or in the US and Canada 1-800-272-3623

Volume pricing is also available for Acrobat 4.0 through the Adobe Open Options program. For more information about the Adobe Open Options program, customers should visit the following Web pages on Adobe's Web site. <http://www.adobe.com/purchase/openoptions/main.html>.

\*The Web capture and digital signature features are currently not available for the Macintosh. Adobe expects to make these features available for the Macintosh later this year.

### **Adobe Document Server**

The Adobe Document Server for Windows NT® and Sun Solaris™2.5 was designed for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and Independent Software Developers (ISVs) to integrate within their products. For licensing information, please contact your local Adobe representative.

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