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## Webley Systems' New Internet by Phone Service Accesses WWW content Via Voice Command From Any Phone

Services Targeted at Very Mobile Users of The Webley Brand Unified Communications Service and Value Added Providers of Wireless Data Services

DEERFIELD, IL.—(BUSINESS WIRE)—February, 2000—Webley Systems, a leader in speech recognition enabled communications services, announced today that it has successfully developed and will introduce a breakthrough communications service that will allow users to easily access internet content from any telephone. This new service feature will be useful for mobile users to access pertinent, real time information from the WWW and to conduct associated E-commerce transactions without having to go online. Instead, this service will be accessible from the most ubiquitous interface known, the telephone.

The service utilizes natural speech recognition so that users can easily request information or services they want for instance "Chinese restaurants in this area" or "Flights from Chicago O'Hare to Dallas between 2 and 6 PM." The system performs the search and delivers the located content back to the user via text to speech software. According to Hal Poel, SVP of Marketing, "Mobile users often want access to relevant real-time information quickly and without the restraints of being tied to a PC connection. By simply requesting the information via natural speech commands, without the use of touchtone, a keyboard or even a mouse, the World Wide Web is one phone call away."

Deployment of Web by Phone services will begin with users of the current Webley Unified Communications product as an enhancement to their current service. The first suite of services will include: world weather, stocks, Yellow pages directory look up and flight schedules. "Primarily, the objective is to offer more value to current customers and make Webley service more popular." Said Poel. The company also hopes to learn a great deal about how to fine tune the user interface because the profile of the Webley customer is mobile, communications centric and already familiar and comfortable with the use of voice recognition technology.

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Webley will also be heavily marketing this capability on a private brand basis to a range of communications service providers. "The company has already been successfully offering unbundled, unified communications functionality to service providers. With this new offering we will become an even more relevant partner especially for the entire spectrum of wireless service providers." Said Susan Kelley, SVP Distribution. Webley's views that it's Internet by phone capability compliments the industry's current development of WAP services to the handset. "Webley believes that ultimately, the winning user interface for accessing wireless data services will blend "push" oriented graphically delivered information with more interactively oriented voice based delivery mechanisms" Poel said. The user will choose which method to invoke based on the nature of the information being requested. Voice recognition technology allows for much easier data input for search commands compared to the inherent problems of the telephone touchtone pad. Text to speech will facilitate the delivery of the information back to the user. An example of this is email by phone, currently offered by Webley. Many Webley customers access their email service by wireless phones today finding it extremely easy to skim new messages by voice command and have important ones read to them. Rather than laboriously typing in a reply on the wireless handset, users just dictate a voice message response and return the email to the sender.

The development of Internet by phone service leverages Webley Systems experience in applying voice recognition and text-to-speech technology. The automated attendant platform that enables Webley service is a critical element in providing Internet by phone service as it is the interface that will facilitate the interrogation of the user to specify their search request. The company is committed to "best in class" technology partners, therefore it has selected and works closely with two technology leaders in their respective fields. Nuance Communications provides the most accurate natural speech recognition engine in the market. The text to speech software, RealSpeak from L+H represents a breakthrough in that it delivers a more human sounding pronunciation. The Web by Phone service will access the growing number of WAP enabled sites and selected HTML based Web portal to search and deliver content.

## About Webley Systems, Inc.

Webley Systems is a leader in Unified Communications and Messaging due to its leading edge, natural speech recognition driven personal assistant, Webley. Webley is a fully featured Personal Assistant integrating customers' messages over the phone and Internet. The feature set include voice-activated dialing, follow me service via one number, conference calling, fax mailbox, and the capability to allow users to listen to e-mail over the phone. Via a personal web page, customers can upload their contact lists automatically from their PIM and retrieve



messages. Webley markets directly under it's own brand and provides private label functionality to all types of service providers. Webley, a privately held company, is located principally Deerfield, Illinois with executive headquarters in Washington DC and can be found at <a href="https://www.Webley.com">www.Webley.com</a>.

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