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Digital Ocean Announces Release of Seahorse

Lightweight, Rugged PDA with Flexible Communication Options

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LENEXA, KS, December 19, 1995-- Digital Ocean today unveiled Seahorse, the newest member of its rugged PDA family. Seahorse is a backlit, ruggedized handheld computer based on the Newton OS 2.0 platform. In addition to the available PCMCIA card slot, Seahorse offers a host of integrated and modular communication options. Seahorse will be available with an integrated CDPD or WLAN modem or with a snap-on modular nose providing users with GPS, GSM, or diffused IR communications.

Seahorse comes with a protective boot, large capacity battery and retails without integrated communication options for under \$1500. The complete unit including either the modem or module options will retail for under \$2,000. Seahorse will first be offered with CDPD and will be available in Q2, 1996.

Seahorse is a powerful computing solution for applications ranging from remote, handheld access to reservation systems by airline personnel, to wireless Internet access, to precision farming utilizing handheld GPS systems. With Seahorse, mobile users in isolated locations can access corporate and Internet databases to utilize such critical data as drawings, schematics, and manuals. Seahorse's ruggedizing features and extended battery capacity provide durability and reliability for a full shift wherever work needs to be done.

Digital Ocean's family of PDAs are based on the Newton Platform, whose user-friendly operating system makes it the best-selling handheld computer in the industry. Newton's pen-based, object-oriented database stores, finds, and links information, displaying it either

vertically or horizontally. In addition to Seahorse, Digital Ocean's PDA family includes Tarpon, a highly ruggedized, backlit and water-resistant unit offering environmental protection with optional communication modalities. The Grouper 100 MPS is an attachable backpack unit, with protective boot, that connects to all models of Apple's MessagePad providing WLAN (915 MHz) or GPS.

Digital Ocean is a leading state-of-the-art developer and manufacturer of mobility-based products. Founded with the goal of transforming the way mobile work is done by combining wireless data services with handheld and portable computers, Digital Ocean produces a family of PDAs that offer a variety of communication options for in-building and remote applications. Digital Ocean also produces a family of wireless LAN devices for the entire line of Apple's desktop, portable, and pen-based devices. The company has numerous patents granted and pending for its development of wireless technologies. Digital Ocean is a Newton licensee based in Lenexa, Kansas.

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