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HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY

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**WALTER HEWLETT COMMENTS REGARDING
NEW YORK STATE COMMON RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUND**

Notes Ever Growing Public Opposition To Merger

Palo Alto, CA, March 15, 2002 Walter B. Hewlett, on behalf of The William R. Hewlett Revocable Trust and its trustees, today made the following statement regarding the decision to vote against the merger of Hewlett-Packard (NYSE: HWP) with Compaq (NYSE: CPQ) by The New York State Common Retirement System Fund:

We continue to believe that the proposed Compaq merger is *not* in the best interests of HP stockholders and has already destroyed stockholder value and would further destroy value if the transaction is approved. In addition to the significant integration risk of the proposed merger, HP would be selling 35% of its crown jewel Imaging & Printing business to acquire a much worse business PCs and commodity computing.

We are delighted that the New York State Common Retirement System Fund has announced their intention to vote against the proposed Compaq merger. In connection with their decision, Carl McCall, New York State Comptroller, stated, "Compaq is not a very promising company. Nobody else wants to buy it. . . The problem of integrating technology companies is always difficult, and this one could be exceptionally difficult. Unless there is a flawless integration, we really don't end up with a better, more profitable company."

We would like to thank all those stockholders, customers and employees who have publicly or privately supported us in opposing this transaction.

We are also pleased that today the LEX column of *The Financial Times* stated that HP shareholders would be advised to vote "no" next week. . . The potential cost synergies are attractive. But the execution risk is huge. And HP shareholders are being asked to pay 47 times Compaq's 2002 earnings for the privilege. . . Were Compaq the perfect partner, it might be worth taking the risk. Yet buying Compaq will turn HP into the world's biggest PC manufacturer.

Additionally, IDG Computerworld yesterday said that "the proposed Hewlett-Packard buy-out of Compaq Computer Corp. is a merger of desperation." Citing results of two Computerworld surveys of IT leaders, IDG warn[ed] that HP/Compaq customers stand to be [the] biggest losers in HP/Compaq mega-merger.

We believe it is a privilege to serve on the Board of HP and that all the directors care about the future of the company. We know the directors of HP are professional people and we share a common interest in the stability of HP's Board and management, which has been reaffirmed by HP's outside directors in recent statements.

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The significant public opposition and the real opportunity to stop this transaction is a clear victory not just for HP stockholders, but for all stockholders. Together, we will demonstrate that accountability is not a platitude and that stockholders, the true owners of a company, can and should have a say in the decisions that are made by management and the Board.

We urge you to vote against the proposed merger by signing, dating and mailing your **GREEN** proxy card today. **Only your latest dated proxy counts you have every right to vote against the merger now by returning a GREEN proxy card even if you have previously delivered another proxy card.**

For additional information, visit our website at www.votenoHPcompaq.com

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The views expressed in this release contain judgments, which are subjective in nature and in certain cases forward-looking in nature. This release also contains estimates made without the benefit of actual measurement. Forward-looking statements and estimates by their nature, involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Forward-looking statements and estimates are inherently speculative in nature and are not guarantees of actual measurements or of future developments. Actual measurements and future developments may and should be expected to differ materially from those expressed or implied by estimates and forward-looking statements. The information contained in this release does not purport to be an appraisal of any business or business unit or to necessarily reflect the prices at which any business or business unit or any securities actually may be bought or sold.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On February 5, 2002, Walter B. Hewlett, Edwin E. van Bronkhorst and the William R. Hewlett Revocable Trust (collectively, the Filing Persons) filed a definitive proxy statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to the proposed merger involving Hewlett-Packard Company and Compaq Computer Corporation. The Filing Persons urge stockholders to read their definitive proxy statement because it contains important information. You may obtain a free copy of the Filing persons' definitive proxy statement and any other soliciting materials relating to the Filing Persons' solicitation on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at www.sec.gov, on the Filing Persons website at www.votenoHPcompaq.com, or by contacting MacKenzie Partners, Inc. at 1-800-322-2885 or 1-212-929-5500, or by sending an email to proxy@mackenziepartners.com.

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