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CGG Awards Ovation Data Services With a Three-Year, Worldwide, Preferred Provider Contract

HOUSTON, TX, October 5, 2004 – Ovation Data Services, Inc. (Ovation) today announced that it has been awarded a three-year, world-wide contract by Compagnie Générale de Géophysique (CGG) to be its preferred provider of selected tape transcription and tape asset management services.

The transcription and asset management services that Ovation (and its affiliates, including DPTS Limited) will provide for CGG include, but are not limited to: tape transcription services and systems, tape asset and management services, tape recovery services, scanning and digitizing software, and programming services for digital media applications. “We are proud that CGG has chosen us as their preferred provider for these services, and pleased that CGG will now be able to offer our (Ovation’s) services directly to their customers,” said Gregory Servos, President and COO of Ovation. “High-quality customer service has always been our priority, and we are confident that as CGG’s chosen preferred provider we will be able to continue to meet and exceed their expectations in providing these services.”

With the three-year, renewable contract, Ovation and its affiliates will provide these selected services to over 32 CGG branches and subsidiaries worldwide. “Among our on-going strategies at CGG are to continuously provide added value to our customers, as well as to improve our operational effectiveness,” said Derick Deaton, Executive Vice President of CGG Americas Inc. “Tactically, Ovation will be a great asset for both of those objectives. Ovation has unparalleled experience and expertise in providing E&P tape services, so that our customers can get the best possible services available. Also, Ovation has the technical capabilities to service CGG’s worldwide operations. These, and other factors, were keys to awarding this preferred provider contract to Ovation.”

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About Ovation: Since 1976, Ovation Data Services (and its affiliates, including DPTS) and their predecessor founding companies, (Ovation), have helped thousands of customers worldwide preserve the integrity of their vital information assets. With Technology and Service Centers in the United States and the United Kingdom, and operating globally, Ovation has provided services and solutions to over 1,500 companies within the past three years alone. Ovation provides support for over 181 different digital media technologies from the past 50 years, along with various analog tape formats dating back even further. Today, Ovation is recognized as a leader in understanding the science and technology of digital data storage hardware and software solutions.

About CGG: The Compagnie Générale de Géophysique group is a global participant in the oilfield services industry, providing a wide range of seismic data acquisition, processing and geoscience services and software to clients in the oil and gas exploration and production business. It is also a global manufacturer of geophysical equipment.

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