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**HP statement in response to May 2005 report by Greenpeace
"Toxic Tech – Pulling the Plug on Dirty Electronics"**

Thank you for your invitation to respond to the recent Greenpeace report accusing IT companies, including HP, of using toxic chemicals in computers.

HP is disappointed that Greenpeace has chosen not to recognize HP's global commitment to the issue of environmental responsibility and sustainability, but we believe that our proactive environmental program, and the results that it continues to achieve, speak for themselves.

Environmental sustainability is a key element of HP's long-standing commitment to global citizenship, and we are committed to providing products and services that are environmentally sound throughout their lifecycles, as well as conducting our worldwide operations in an environmentally responsible manner. As a leader in corporate citizenship, HP is committed to proactively addressing global environmental challenges. We will continue to build partnerships with key stakeholders and communities; develop innovative technologies and business solutions; and balance the interests of our corporation with the needs of the environment.

HP designs products that are safe to use and environmentally sound. HP proactively prohibits or restricts the use of many materials in products through an environmental specification called the General Specification for Environment (GSE). An example of this proactive restriction is HP's prohibition over 10 years ago of the two brominated flame retardants, PBB (polybrominated biphenyls) and PBDE (polybrominated diphenyl ethers), that will be restricted under the EU Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive next year. HP is also committed to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including the restriction of hazardous substances in electronic products.

We pride ourselves on the fact that we are constantly exploring better and more sustainable environmental options for our products, and that we do so ahead of timeframes set by legislation – for example HP has set a goal for all products worldwide to meet the standards for use of restricted chemicals (lead, mercury and cadmium) prior to the July 1, 2006 implementation of the new European requirements as detailed in the RoHS Directive. Although compliance is only applicable in the EU, HP's goal is to meet the requirements of the RoHS Directive on a worldwide basis.

The design, manufacture, delivery, and operating efficiency of our products is an ever changing and evolving program that ensures that each product is safe for people and the planet and does not become waste at the end of its useful life. This is why the vast majority of HP's products meet the stringent qualifications of many eco-labels, including the prestigious Blue Angel eco-label.

HP also took the lead in bringing together a coalition of eight of the world's leading electronics and electronics manufacturing services firms to create and release a global Electronics Industry Code of Conduct. HP, IBM, Dell and others have established and are individually implementing a code outlining specific standards for supplier labor rights,

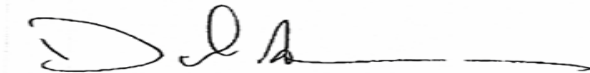
health, safety and environmental activity as part of a plan to set and maintain industry standards within the electronics supply chain.

Similarly, HP has a recycling vendor management program, including a stringent auditing process, to ensure that any brand of unwanted computer equipment or HP printing supplies accepted by HP or our vendors for recycling is handled responsibly and in an environmentally sound manner.

HP offers recycling services in over 36 countries and ensures, through a stringent auditing process, that any brand of unwanted computer equipment or HP printing supplies accepted by HP is recycled responsibly. In fact, HP has set a goal to recycle 1 billion pounds of electronic waste and supplies by 2007, and in 2004 alone we recycled over 120 million pounds of used computer hardware and HP print cartridges globally. In addition HP offers a variety of end-of-life options that help minimize the possibility of unwanted equipment entering a landfill. For more information about our recycling standards please visit <http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/globalcitizenship/environment/recycle/overview.html>.

For a full overview of HP's many environmental programs, including more details on our GSE requirements, information on how we monitor our performance as well as our suppliers, and a link to our 2005 Global Citizenship Report, please see <http://www.hp.com/environment>.

Sincerely

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