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COUGAR MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES

August 15, 2001 / Boise, ID - Cougar Mountain Software, leader in mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software, and point-of-sale software and hardware, today announced the promotion of two managers.

Beth Fuller has been promoted to Cougar Mountain's director of operations. Fuller is responsible for the day-to-day operations of accounting, production, inventory management and order fulfillment. Fuller has been a Cougar Mountain Software team member for five years.

Prior to joining the cougar Mountain Software team, Fuller held office controller and manager positions for Sterling Financial Consultants in Laguna Hills, California and Marriott Food Service in Boise, Idaho. Fuller earned a B.A. in international business from California State Fullerton.

Renee Galligher was promoted to Cougar Mountain Software director of quality assurance. Galligher is responsible for establishing and maintaining product testing guidelines including operating systems compatibility, software functionality and design and proper DOS to Windows® conversions.

About Cougar Mountain Software: About Cougar Mountain Software

Founded in 1982, Boise-based Cougar Mountain Software publishes Accounting® for Windows® software, FUND Accounting® for Windows® software, and Point of Sale software and hardware. Cougar Mountain Software represents more than 20,000 national clients in key vertical markets. Cougar Mountain Software has been ranked among the industry's "Top 100" PC software companies in the nation. In addition the company made the CPA Software News' "Top 11" list of mid-range accounting software programs, "top 14" list of point-of-sale software programs, and "Top 12" list of payroll processing software programs in addition to Accounting Today's "top 100" list of software companies.



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IRS OFFICIALS ESTIMATE COMPANIES WILL NEED EIGHT MORE WEEKS TO COMPLY WITH THE 0201 TAX RELIVE RECONCILIATION ACT

Cougar Mountain Software Beat the July Deadline

July 2, 2001 / Boise, ID - Cougar Mountain Software, leader in mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software, and point-of-sale software and hardware, today announced the release of the Cougar Mountain Payroll® Tax Table Update in accordance with the mandatory Federal Tax Code changes that went into effect July 1, 2001. The update was designed to integrate with existing cougar Mountain Payroll Software to automatically revise 2001 withholding rate tables established by the IRS.

Tables were revised to reflect the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 enacted on June 7 of his year. Although the IRS estimates most companies will not be fully tax-code compliant for up to eight weeks after the law goes into effect Monday, federally-compliant Cougar Payroll® is already fully-functional and currently available.

“Many organizations are struggling with how they can update their payroll software by the July 1st deadline,” said Cougar Mountain Software President David Bassiri. “The Payroll® update is immediately ready. Many Cougar Mountain customers subscribe to our software update service which informs them of changing tax laws and automatically sends software updates when they are available. This service allows business owners to focus on the intricacies of daily operations without worrying about meeting and updating tax requirements.”

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NO DOWNLOADS. NO DELAYS. ONLY DEMOS!

Cougar Mountain Software Offers Instant Evaluation of Software to Consumers Everywhere via the Internet

June 20, 2001 / Boise, ID - Cougar Mountain Software, leader in mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software, and point-of-sale software and hardware, today announced that its products are immediately available through Runaware, the first Evaluation Service Provider (ESP) for software pre-purchase testing and evaluation.

Full-featured versions of cougar Mountain Accounting for Windows and FUNND Accounting for Windows can be previewed and tested at www.cougarmtn.com/runaware without downloading or installing the software. The software demos are accessible with a 56K modem through a Web browser available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

“We are excited to offer an innovative way for our customers to test our products before making a purchase,” said Cougar Mountain Software President David Bassiri. “With the instantaneous access to the software, prospective customers save time by eliminating the need to download and install our software packets.”

Runaware is changing cougar Mountain Software’s traditional mode of software marketing by providing an ongoing virtual trade show where its products are showcased to potential customers.

“Our software is extremely flexible and can be tailored to fit the customers’ needs,” Bassiri added. Runaware allows customers to demo all software features in a comprehensive package and determine what solution is best for them.”

“Cougar Mountain Software is among the early adopters realizing the benefits of giving customers a chance to evaluate a full-featured, no download version of its software,” said Peter Brusquini, Runaware VP of Marketing. “With the addition of cougar Mountain Accounting Software to the Runaware site, our members will have access to another set of industry-leading software products.”

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About Runaware:

Runaware, the first Evaluation Service Provider (ESP), offers a completely new way to market, test and evaluate software. For software developers and vendors, Runaware is an online trade show where products can be cost-effectively showcased for prospective customers. For consumers, Runaware takes the guesswork out of purchasing software by giving them free access to test and compare full versions of top software applications in real-time over the Internet – with no downloads or installations. Some of Runaware's customers include Corel, Peachtree, Macromedia, ACT! And Broderbund. Runaware also has partnerships with Ctrix, Compaq, Software Spectrum and SILA. The company has offices in US, Canada and Europe.

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COUGAR MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE NAMED TO SOFTWARE MAGAZINE'S ANNUAL SOFTWARE 500 LIST

June 15, 2001 / Boise, ID - Cougar Mountain Software, leader in mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software, and point-of-sale software and hardware, today announced its placement on Software Magazine's 19th Annual Software 500 ranking of the world's top software and service providers. The 2001 Software 500 list is featured in the Jun/July 2001 issue of Software Magazine.

"Being recognized as part of the Software 400 is representative of our stability in the high-tech marketplace," said Cougar Mountain Software President David Bassiri. "We are pleased to add our inclusion on the 19th Annual Software 500 to our list of prestigious honors and remain committed to our on-going mission of providing growing businesses with powerful accounting software solutions."

Software Magazine's annual compendium of software and service suppliers catalogs the ranking, financial performance and growth, and primary business sector for each company as well as trend information for Software 500 as a whole. The Software 500 is a comprehensive look at the enterprise software landscape, encompassing both public and private companies that develop business software and services. The ranking is based on total worldwide software and services revenue for 2000. Suppliers are not ranked on their total corporate revenue, since many have other lines of business. Software revenue included license fees, maintenance and support revenue, professional services/consulting and custom programming. The financial information is based on the calendar year and was gathered from Software Magazine's vendor survey, public documents and industry analysts.

Also available with Cougar Mountain Software is an e-commerce package that gives bike shops and wholesalers the ability to offer 24/7 online shopping to their customers. With the click of a button, shoppers can search, view and purchase items from a business' inventory. The e-commerce software ties all online sales to back-office accounting and inventory.

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COUGAR MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE RANKED AMONG THE INDUSTRY'S TOP 100

June 12, 2001 / Boise, ID - Cougar Mountain Software, leader in mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software, and point-of-sale software and hardware, today announced its ranking among the industry's top 100 independence PC software companies in the nation for the third consecutive year.

"Our designation to the 'Top 100' list is reflective of our company's stability and future prospects in today's high-tech software market," said Cougar Mountain Software President David Bassiri. "Our mission is to exceed our customers' expectations by providing exceptional products and services essential to their success. We are pleased to have Soft-Letter's vote of confidence again in 2001 and join the ranks of industry giants such as Microsoft, Adobe and Novell."

Companies with productivity, profitability and growth make the list. Each year, soft-letter reporters and editors select 100 industry-leading companies worthy of recognition. Selections are based on marketing and distribution tactics, company operations, finance, pricing models, product management and emerging technologies that accurately reflect market conditions.

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PARTNERSHIP IN TIME

June 11, 2001 / Boise, ID - Cougar Mountain Software, leader in mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software, and point-of-sale software and hardware, today announced a partnership with Aatrix, the leading developer of payroll tax forms software, to offer a solution package for preparing state and federal payroll forms.

Cougar Mountain software intends to leverage Aatrix forms to offer companies a faster, more cost-effective way to prepare state and federal payroll taxes. Aatrix forms integrate with cougar Payroll data to instantly prepare payroll forms, populate fields, and offer printing and electronic filing options. From independent users to large corporations seeking resources that reduce time involved with tax preparation, this collaboration will result in a service that streamlines the payroll tax preparation process, turning an onerous afternoon task into a procedure done in a matter of seconds.

“Aatrix is taking an incredibly innovative approach to allow for the automation of state and federal payroll form filling for all 40 states,” said Cougar Mountain Software President David Bassiri. “It’s exactly this kind of entrepreneurial spirit that cougar Mountain Software seeks in partners to further develop the software market.”

“With Cougar Mountain Software as a mid-range accounting software and Aatrix as a leading provider of automated tax forms, we can have a major influence in shaping the future of federal and state payroll tax filing,” said Aatrix CEO Steve Lunseth, “This alliance affords us the opportunity to offer our payroll forms package to a larger market. This is a powerful initiation with far-reaching implications.”

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About Aatrix

Located in Grad Forks, ND, Aatrix Software has been developing innovative accounting software solutions in 1987. Originally founded to develop Macintosh accounting and payroll applications, Aatrix’s Electronic Forms Division has established itself as a leader in payroll tax forms, providing Electronic Payroll Reports and eFiling to Windows® Accounting vendors.



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COUGAR MOUNTAIN SOFTWARE ANNOUNCES NEW POSITIONS

June 1, 2001 / Boise, ID - Cougar Mountain Software, leader in mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software, and point-of-sale software and hardware, today announced the hiring of their marketing manager and public relations specialist.

Cougar Mountain Software named Nadra Angerman as the new marketing manager. Angerman brings more than 10 years of marketing and public relations experience to the position. Angerman is responsible for all aspects of marketing including product marketing for their mid-range accounting and FUND accounting software and point-of-sale software and hardware, as well as maintaining the company's position as an industry leader and top 100 PC software company. Prior to her arrival, Angerman was a marketing manager for DocuTouch, the high-tech Seattle-based company instrumental in the development of eBusiness solutions and B2B technology. She received her bachelor's degree in English and Communication from Boise State University.

Elizabeth Belts, joined the Cougar Mountain Software team as their public relations specialist. Belts brings experience and direction in high-tech public relations, marketing and advertising. She is responsible for implementing a comprehensive public relations program for the high-profile software company. Belts will also serve as a communication resource for Cougar Mountain Software, business trends and emerging technology in the software industry. Prior to joining the company, Belts worked for a high-tech marcom agency as an account coordinator, gaining high-tech marketing and advertising experience ranging from reseller incentive programs, sell-in merchandising, extensive ad campaigns and product launches. She received her bachelor's degree in public relations and a minor in advertising from Central Washington University.

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