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Business Payment Systems Renews Agreement with National Processing Company

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Agreement Extends Successful Partnership Begun in June 2000

Business Payment Systems (BPS) has renewed its processing agreement with National Processing Company, LLC. (NPC(R)), a leading provider of merchant credit and debit card processing and a wholly owned subsidiary of National Processing, Inc. (NYSE: NAP), extending the successful partnership that began in June of 2000. BPS, a leading Independent Sales Organization (ISO), has more than 110 sales offices across the United States. Under the terms of the agreement, BPS will continue to market NPC merchant processing services to its existing and prospective merchant base.

"Since the beginning of our relationship with NPC, they have partnered with us to help us meet our business objectives," said Business Payment Systems' CEO Samuel Chanin. "NPC was the right choice for us at renewal time because they offer the technology, flexibility and outstanding customer service for us to continue to diversify and grow our customer base. NPC offers a great variety of products and services, and their reputation and attention they provide ISOs made the decision to extend our relationship effortless."

"BPS's ongoing vote of confidence in NPC as their processing partner reaffirms the value we bring through our people and technology," said Randy Sagar, senior vice president and general manager of Regional Sales for NPC. "BPS's unique incentive plans and unmatched service to their sales executives has allowed them to quickly build an expansive footprint. Over the past three years BPS has become one of NPC's most valued relationships."

About Business Payment Systems

Business Payment Systems, headquartered in Tarrytown, New York, is a leading Independent Sales Organization (ISO) assisting regional merchants throughout the United States. As reported in the July 2002 edition of the Green Sheet, BPS was ranked as the number one ISO by sales executives. The company is known for partnering with their sales executives and building strong relationships with their vendors. Additional information regarding BPS can be obtained at www.bpsmerchant.net.

About National Processing, Inc.

National Processing, Inc. through its wholly owned operating subsidiary, National Processing Company, LLC. (NPC(R)) is a leading provider of merchant credit and debit card processing. National Processing is 85 percent owned by National City Corporation (NYSE: NCC) (www.NationalCity.com), one of the nation's largest financial holding companies. NPC supports over 645,000 merchant locations, representing nearly one out of every five MasterCard(R) and VISA(R) transactions processed nationally. NPC's card processing solutions offer superior levels of service and performance and assist merchants in lowering their total cost of card acceptance through world-class people, technology and service. Additional information regarding National Processing can be obtained at www.npc.net.

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