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**Selects North San José Site for
Expansion
Headquarters to Remain at eBay Park in San José**



Councilmember Reed; Mayor Gonzales; eBay CEO Meg Whitman and Councilmember Yeager

San José – April 23, 2003. eBay Inc. (Nasdaq:EBAY-www.ebay.com), the world's online marketplace, and the City of San José have unveiled plans to keep the successful Internet company's headquarters and future growth in San José.



Mayor Gonzales gleams as he makes the announcement – eBay Stays in SJ

The agreement in principle between the two parties will allow eBay to maintain its headquarters operations at eBay Park on Hamilton Avenue and facilitate the purchase of property in North San José to accommodate its current and projected growth needs.

“eBay is one of San José’s true success stories,” said Mayor Ron Gonzales at the eBay Park news conference announcing the agreement. “This proposal will keep thousands of jobs in our community and strengthen San José’s position as a world-headquarters city.”

The cornerstone of the plan is eBay’s proposed purchase of approximately 511,000 square feet of office space on North First Street that is currently owned by Novell, Inc. The city will assign to eBay its right to purchase an adjacent parcel of approximately 15 acres of land from Novell and the accompanying development rights.

San Jose will also provide additional development rights on the combined property to eBay. The entire package provides eBay the potential flexibility to develop up to 2 million square feet of office and R&D space.



eBay's Meg Whitman and Henry Gomez speak with Mayor Gonzales

“This is a great day for our company, our employees and the City of San José,” Meg Whitman, eBay’s CEO and president, told the news conference. “We are excited about keeping our headquarters at eBay Park and finding an excellent facility just a short distance away to handle our expansion needs.”

In order to provide an option of enhancing future development flexibility at the Hamilton Avenue facility, eBay and the city will pursue rezoning of eBay Park. Approximately 1,500 of eBay’s worldwide workforce of 4,200 are currently located at eBay Park.

Gonzales and Whitman also announced that eBay will work with the city through the eBay Foundation to create an innovative new public-private partnership to support the non-profit community. Since its inception, the foundation has contributed more than \$1.5 million to support community projects in San Jose.



Media at the event

A profitable company since its launch in 1995, eBay has been continually hiring employees. On a typical day between 60 and 70 job openings are posted on the company's web site. In October the company initiated a site selection process designed to identify a facility to meet its current and projected long-term growth needs.

The San José City Council will consider the agreement in principle at its regular meeting on April 29.

About eBay

eBay is The World's Online Marketplace®. Founded in 1995, eBay created a powerful platform for the sale of goods and services by a passionate community of individuals and businesses. On any given day, there are millions of items across thousands of categories for sale on eBay through auction or fixed price formats. eBay enables trade on a local, national and international basis with customized sites in markets around the world.

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