



Forbes Magazine Selects CoreData as Source for CEO Compensation Report

*Forbes latest Executive Pay analysis details the compensation information
for the top 500 public companies*

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Bethesda, MD – CoreData Group, an independent provider of research data on public companies, announced today that it has been selected by *Forbes Magazine* as a source of detailed executive compensation on CEOs for the Executive Pay Special Report in the May 10, 2004 issue, on newsstands this week. The report offers detailed cash and other compensation figures of the CEOs of America's 500 biggest companies. A companion interactive web edition is available on *Forbes'* website at www.forbes.com/ceos.

"We have spent almost three years compiling detailed compensation data on the Directors and Officers of over 6,000 companies in the US," said Renny Ponvert, CEO of CoreData. "*Forbes'* choice of our data is a grand introduction of this new resource to the business community."

CoreData's comprehensive executive compensation databases are an essential source of key compensation facts and figures. The data serves as a critical intelligence tool for corporate compensation committees, executive compensation consultants and human resource firms.

"Our editorial staff put a tremendous amount of time and effort into this particular issue; the CoreData compensation information definitely aided us in our research," said Steve Kichen, Assistant Managing Editor at *Forbes*. "We chose CoreData as a source to help us identify important compensation trends across a large number of companies."

Executive Compensation — particularly how it relates to a company's stock performance — has been a hot topic in business circles since the passage of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Increased candor and disclosure of pay packages for senior executives resulting from congressional and SEC mandates have provided a wealth of information that allows proper measurement of the concept of "pay for performance."

About CoreData. CoreData Group, an independent provider of research data on public companies covering approximately 14,000 firms in North America, serves corporations, business websites and professional investment firms. The Company provides detailed financial statement data, historical stock prices and returns, and comprehensive biographical and compensation information. CoreData is headquartered in Bethesda, MD with offices in Richmond, VA. For further information, please call 804.775.8000 or visit www.coredatagroup.com.

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