

**Accel-KKR and CRS Retail Systems Announce Acquisition of Apropos Retail**

*Transaction Expands Market, Solidifies Industry Leadership, And Fuels Growth Opportunities for CRS Retail Systems*

**MENLO PARK, CA and NEWBURGH, NY October 05, 2004** - Accel-KKR and CRS Retail Systems, Inc. a market-leading provider of retail software for point-of-sale (POS), store operations, and retail analytics today announced the acquisition of Apropos Retail a Lynnwood, WA-based provider of chain retail management systems for specialty store and general merchandise retailers by CRS Retail Systems. The transaction is expected to close today, and financial terms were not disclosed.

The combination of Apropos with CRS Retail Systems brings together two of the top 15 software vendors to the retail industry according to Leaderboard 2003, an annual retailer survey published by RIS News. The two companies have customer-focused cultures, a common technology platform and highly complementary services and customer bases. The combined company will be a leader across the spectrum of retail technology solutions, with pro forma 2004 revenues in excess of \$70 million.