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IN RE: PEREGRINE SYSTEMS, INC., SECURITIES LITIGATION

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### TRANSFER ORDER

Before the entire Panel\*: Defendant Arthur Andersen LLP and the New Jersey plaintiff have jointly moved, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, to centralize this litigation for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings in the Southern District of California. No party has responded to the motion.

This litigation presently consists of 35 actions listed on Schedule A and pending in two districts as follows: 34 actions in the Southern District of California and one action in the District of New Jersey.

After considering the argument of counsel, we find that the actions in this litigation involve common questions of fact, and that centralization under Section 1407 in the Southern District of California will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. All actions share factual questions arising out of alleged misrepresentations or omissions relating to improper accounting practices at Peregrine Systems, Inc., between 2000-02. Centralization under Section 1407 will eliminate duplicative discovery; avoid inconsistent pretrial rulings; and conserve the resources of the parties, their counsel and the judiciary.

We further find that the Southern District of California is an appropriate transferee district for this litigation, because (1) 34 of the 35 actions are already pending there, (2) relevant documents and witnesses are likely in proximity to Peregrine Systems, Inc.'s former headquarters in San Diego, California, and (3) the Section 1407 motion proposing selection of this district is unopposed.

<sup>\*</sup> Judge Scirica took no part in the disposition of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, the action listed on Schedule A and pending in the District of New Jersey is transferred to the Southern District of California and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Roger Benitez for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the actions pending there and listed on Schedule A.

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#### **SCHEDULE A**

## Southern District of California

Alan Marshall, et al. v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-870 Richard Bowe v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-871 Joel A. Gerber v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-882 Peter Ahrens v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-885 Blake Halberg v. Peregrine Systems Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-886 Chris Martin v. Peregrine Systems, Inc, et al., C.A. No. 3:02-887 Ira Gaines v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-890 Jeff Michon, et al. v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-891 Peter J. Krinsky v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-902 Jonathan D. Layes v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-906 Alan Berkowitz v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-921 Mendel Spiegel, et al. v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-926 Gabriel West v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-951 Randy Lee v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-979 Henry Frankel v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-996 Richard Schleicher v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1002 Anthony Boarman v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1010 Eric P. Daniels v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1011 Donna Murray v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1022 Stephen Anish v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1047 Robert Renzi v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1060 Craig McCarthy v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1061 Stoneridge Investment Partners, LLC v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1073 Heywood Waga v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1095 Michael J. Farrell v. Peregrine Systems, et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1120 Mateo Camarillo, et al. v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1168 Congregation Bais Avrohom v. Peregine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1174 Katy Cox Johnson v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1176 Alan Hylton v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1207 Janet Kusmierski, et al. v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1208 Michele Voth, et al. v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1238 Blair Alexander v. Matthew C. Gless, et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1242 Felix Lecocq v. Peregrine Systems, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-2550 William V. Alesi v. Matthew C. Gless, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-57

## District of New Jersey

David Hildes, etc. v. Arthur Andersen, LLP, et al., C.A. No. 2:07-393