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SIIA Says Adobe eBay Piracy Case is Important Victory; Calls for More Action Against Auction Site Piracy

Washington, DC (October 26, 2009) The Software & Information Industry Association, the leading organization in the fight against software and digital content piracy, today hailed the sentencing of convicted software pirate Gregory Fair. For selling more than \$1 million in illegal Adobe software on eBay, Fair was sentenced to three years and five months in prison and ordered to pay Adobe \$743,098 in restitution.

Keith Kupferschmid, SIIA's Senior Vice President, Intellectual Property Policy and Enforcement, issued the following statement:

"This case is a huge victory for Adobe – a member of SIIA – and in the fight against software piracy. Software piracy on eBay and similar online marketplaces is rampant, and we believe much more needs to be done to protect American business and consumers.

"SIIA's Auction Litigation Program is the industry's most aggressive effort working to stop auction site piracy. The Fair case is another example of why we remain so diligent and engaged when it comes to anti-piracy enforcement and why consumers should be leery of any software deal that seems too good to be true. We applaud the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for their efforts to promptly crack this difficult case and to put Mr. Fair and those like him where they belong -- behind bars."

About SIIA

The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to 500 leading software and information companies. For further information, visit www.siiia.net.

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