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New Cepstral® Voices Now Offered With *TextAloud* *Popular Text to Speech Software Adds More New Voices*

CLEMMONS, NC – **NextUp.com** (www.NextUp.com), developer of *TextAloud* software, today announced the availability of an engaging new **Cepstral®** U.S. female voice, ‘Callie’, as well as some fun new novelty voices like ‘Shouty’ and ‘Whispery’. *TextAloud* lets users convert text into spoken audio for easy listening, study, and comprehension. Text can also be converted to audio files for easy playback on portables like the iPod®, PocketPC®, and a wide range of portable devices.

"Many of our *TextAloud* users tell us they enjoy the natural-sounding speech, ease of download and small installation footprint with the Cepstral® voices", says NextUp CEO Ken White. "The ‘Callie’ voice is outstanding and is proving to be popular with our users. The novelty voices also add more fun and variety to the listening experience."

These new voice offerings compliment ‘David’, ‘Amy’, and more Cepstral® U.S. English voices, as well as several voices in U.K. English, German, Spanish, Italian, and Canadian French. These high-quality voices are also extremely fast when creating audio files, one of *TextAloud*'s most used features.

About *TextAloud*

Business people, students, educators, writers, lawyers, homemakers and busy people from all walks of life find *TextAloud* to be an essential tool they use every day. *TextAloud* provides improved reading comprehension and speed, the ability to listen to text away from the computer, and a number of utilities, from audio proofreading, to word highlighting for dyslexics. It's been

featured in *The New York Times*, *PC Magazine*, *Writer's Digest*, on CNN, and more. Hailed by critics and users alike, *TextAloud* is priced at just \$29.95, and is compatible with systems using Windows® 98, NT, 2000 and XP. The program is available for fast, safe and secure purchase via <http://www.NextUp.com>.

About NextUp.com

NextUp.com, a division of NextUp Technologies, LLC, provides award-winning Text to Speech software for consumers, business customers, educators, and those with visual or vocal impairment, or learning disabilities.

In addition to *TextAloud*, NextUp.com markets other innovative Windows software designed to save time and deliver vital information. NewsAloud™ is a talking personal “news agent” that finds the stories users want, and then reads them aloud or to portable audio files. WeatherAloud™ is a weather application that lets users select and listen to personalized weather forecasts, while StocksAloud™ reads stock updates and related news headlines aloud for specific companies of interest. Most recently, NextUp released NextUp Talker, an easy and affordable program that allows people who have lost their voices to use the latest in high-quality computer voices to communicate with others.

About Cepstral LLC

Cepstral is a speech technology company based in Pittsburgh, PA, USA, which provides customizable Text To Speech (TTS) voices and technologies for server, desktop and hand-held platforms on any operating system. Cepstral: We Build Voices (TM). For more information about the Company, please visit www.Cepstral.com or call (412) 432-0400.

Note to Editors:

Evaluation copies of *TextAloud* are currently available upon request. To receive a review copy, or for more information on NextUp.com or *TextAloud*, please contact publicist Angela Mitchell at (904) 982-8043.

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