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STAFFWARE JOINS BPMI AND UDDI IN MOVE TO SUPPORT OPEN STANDARDS IN E-BUSINESS PROCESS MANAGEMENT

February 05, 2001 - Staffware, the founder and market leader of the business process automation industry, has joined the Business Process Management Initiative (BPMI.org), and the Universal Description, Discovery and Integration Project (UDDI). Both organizations are at the forefront of driving industry standards in the eBusiness environment.

The BPMI is an initiative focused on creating open specification for eBusiness process management. Its mission is to promote and develop the use of Business Process Management through the establishment of standards for process design, deployment, execution, maintenance and optimization.
The UDDI is an 18-month initiative to define a set of specifications aimed to ameliorate the use of B2B and commerce over the Internet by businesses. It does this by defining how companies can expose their business applications as Web services. This direct application-to-application integration over the Internet will play an important role in the transformation of businesses over the next decade, as supported by Gartner.

Jon Pyke, Chief Technology Officer of Staffware comments: "For several years, Staffware has been a pioneer in the world of Business Process Automation software and has been an active participant in standards setting organizations such as the Workflow Management Coalition – WfMC. We strongly believe that the development of open standards is the key to the continued growth and success of this area of technology and we are pleased to join like-minded organizations in jointly developing and establishing open standards for the management of mission critical business processes across the Internet," he continued.

About BPMI.org

BPMI.org (the Business Process Management Initiative) is a non-profit organization that empowers companies of all sizes, across all industries, to develop and operate business processes that span multiple applications and business partners, behind the firewall and over the Internet. The Initiative´s mission is to promote and develop the use of Business Process Management (BPM) through the establishment of standards for process design, deployment, execution, maintenance, and optimization. BPMI.org develops open specifications, assists IT vendors in marketing their implementations, and supports businesses using Business Process Management technologies.

About UDDI

The Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (UDDI) standard (registry) is a sweeping industry initiative. The Standard creates a platform-independent, open framework for describing services, discovering businesses, and integrating business services using the Internet.

UDDI is the first cross-industry effort driven by platform and software providers, marketplace operators and e-business leaders. These technology and business pioneers are acting as the initial catalysts to quickly develop the UDDI standard.

The UDDI standard takes advantage of WorldWide Web Consortium (W3C) and Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standards such as Extensible Markup Languare (XML), and HTTP and Domain Name System (DNS) protocols. Additionally, cross platform programming features are addressed by adopting early versions of the proposed Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) messaging specifications found at the W3C Web site. The UDDI standard is the building block that will enable businesses to quickly, easily and dynamically find and transact with one another using their preferred applications.

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