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bluesource Becomes Approved Partner for Microsoft SharePoint Deployment Planning Service Program

Team of highly experienced bluesource consultants to provide SharePoint consultancy services, helping enterprise customers maximise SharePoint investment

bluesource Information Ltd, the market's number one information management company, today announced that it is now an Approved Partner for Microsoft's SharePoint Deployment Planning Service (SDPS) program, designed to help organisations plan an effective deployment of Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007. As a certified SDPS partner, **bluesource** will provide SharePoint consultancy services to help enterprise customers deploy or maximise their SharePoint investment as part of their Software Assurance agreement with Microsoft.

bluesource's SharePoint Practice includes a team of highly skilled and experienced consultants from both end user and consultancy backgrounds. As a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, **bluesource** has already become the consultancy partner of choice for SharePoint deployment support for major customers in the legal, finance, government and not for profit sectors.

"We are able to give customers impartial advice based on years of experience and professional consultancy," said Nick Rosewall, SharePoint Division Manager for **bluesource** Information Ltd. "The breadth of our consultancy reach means we are able to look at a customer's entire information management environment, and take this into consideration in planning and designing a pragmatic approach to SharePoint implementation. We understand how to make complex environments work across a wide range of technology, giving customers peace of mind, and delivering maximum benefit from their SharePoint investment."

As one of Microsoft's fastest selling server products, SharePoint provides customers with a flexible tool and application platform for supporting portals and collaboration.

SDPS includes a broad range of planning tools and services that help optimise the effectiveness of SharePoint's core capabilities, and help lower the cost of deployment and adoption. SDPS matches customers with a certified partner, such as **bluesource**, who will conduct a highly effective planning process for deploying or getting more out of a customers' SharePoint investment. SDPS provides a reliable, repeatable process for certified SDPS consultants to conduct a 1, 3, 5, 10 or 15-day programmatic planning sessions using Software Assurance benefits.

bluesource provides a range of consulting, support and managed services around mail messaging infrastructure for Symantec and Microsoft, and also supports a range of best of breed technology partners. **bluesource** is already operating in nine different European countries, as well as throughout North America, providing consulting support to enterprise customers across numerous market sectors.

About bluesource

As the number one mail messaging company, **bluesource** is committed to delivering innovation. The company works with clients to help them become high-performance businesses – which is why it is relied on to manage and support some of the world's most complex messaging environments. With deep industry and business process expertise, broad resources and a proven track record, **bluesource** can mobilise the right people, skills and technologies to help clients improve their messaging performance. In an environment characterised by complexity, **bluesource** enables businesses to align their messaging strategy with their business priorities. Whether consultancy, 24x7 support or managed services, **bluesource** has the solution to each business requirement. **bluesource** is a Microsoft Gold Partner for consulting, one of only two UK Symantec Technical Support Services Partners and the leading provider of Symantec Enterprise Vault in EMEA.

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