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NEW STANDARDS ORGANIZATION TO FOSTER INTEROPERABILITY ON SHAREPOINT PLATFORM

Microsoft Partners lead the way to improved interoperability among SharePoint products

Montreal, CANADA (October 18, 2009) – Several leading Microsoft partners, today at the Microsoft SharePoint Conference, announced the creation of $SISA^{TM}$, the SharePoint Interoperability Solution Architecture standards group, which will create and promote a standard software architecture in order to optimize SharePoint solutions interoperability for our community and to the customer benefits.

The purpose of the SISA[™] standard is to simplify the integration and increase the interoperability of SharePoint Products. Products that are designated as being SISA[™] compliant will have the ability to exchange information, processes, and tasksbetween two or more different SharePoint systems or components on a standard platform. More information can be found on the website at http://www.sisastandard.org.

The founding members of the group are Danny Boulanger - Alcero, Susan Yee - Active Data Exchange, Larry D. Hunt - Integrated Digital Systems/ScanAmerica Inc., Tony Lanni - Avepoint, Esa Tervo - Neoxen Systems, and Mike Fitzmaurice – Nintex.

"As the SharePoint market rapidly matures, SISA[™] is a key indication that the ISV community is embracing the platform developed by Microsoft. I am thrilled to work with leading SharePoint product partners to develop this new standard", said Danny Boulanger, President and CEO of Alcero, and Chair of the SISA Committee.

The technical working group is headed by Mario Carvajal, VP, System Engineering – AvePoint, and includes members from the SharePoint technical community. "One of the key goals of the SISA standard is to further enable Microsoft SharePoint Technologies to exhibit syntactic interoperability", commented Carvajal. "This will help to empower organizations to deliver information and maintain business continuity as datasets relay between given systems. By standardizing data formats, communication protocols, and access points we can enable a level of interoperability that fosters innovation among the SharePoint community, guaranteeing secure data delivery and exchange."

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