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Hitachi Asia expands Enterprise Management Solutions in partnership with VERITAS

Hitachi (Hitachi) Asia have entered into a reseller partnership agreement with VERITAS Software (VERITAS). This partnership will see the enhancement of Hitachi's comprehensive suite of job management capabilities across heterogeneous platforms, including back-up jobs. Under this agreement, Hitachi's System Management Solutions Division (SMS) will offer VERITAS backup solutions such as VERITAS NetBackupTM and Backup ExecTM as part of Hitachi's Job Management Partner 1 (JP1) suite of products.

This suite of products is available immediately through Hitachi and VERITAS' Elite partner distributors. Some highlights of the enhanced software capabilities of this partnership includes:

- Integration of the Veritas NetBackup (NBU) as part of the comprehensive job flow managed by JP1 Job Scheduler (AJS2)
- Monitoring status of JP1/NBU backup process and provision of status via JP1 AJS2 monitoring console
- Notification to network administrators of abnormal status during execution of backup jobs
- Centrally monitor start, status and result of backup jobs

The Hitachi JP1 leading suite of comprehensive systems management solutions includes Desktop, Job, Availability, Network and Integrated Management, which are delivered to more than 6,500 enterprises worldwide.

About JP1

JP1 is Hitachi's leading IT solution for Enterprise System Management. JP1 consists is suite of products for Windows NT / 2000 and UNIX networked systems focusing on workload automation and to facilitate the efficient management of entire corporate information systems. The suite comprises of Desktop, Job, Availability, Network and Integrated Management which manage every aspects of your IT infrastructure. JP1 promotes both automation and productivity for systems of any size -- from a single PC server to large-scale systems linking the whole company and thus help to optimize enterprise TCO. JP1 has more than 6500 installations worldwide. For further information, please visit www.hitachi.com.sg/jp1.

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