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SAP Announces Support for WS-I Basic Profile 1.0

SAP NetWeaver™ to Align with the WS-I Basic Profile 1.0, Enabling Greater Industry Adoption of Web Services for Enterprise Customers

WALLDORF, Germany — Aug. 12, 2003 — SAP AG (NYSE: SAP) today announced its support for the first release of the WS-I Basic Profile 1.0 (BP 1.0), a set of implementation guidelines for companies to utilize a set of core Web services specifications to develop interoperable Web services. The Web Services Interoperability Organization (WS-I) brings the work of multiple standards organizations (such as W3C and OASIS) together for the purpose of providing clarity and guidance around Web services interoperability. As a founding WS-I Board member, SAP actively participated in the development of the BP 1.0 and will support the new guidelines throughout their implementation and industry adoption.

The SAP NetWeaver™ technology platform, which drives lower cost of ownership across heterogeneous IT landscapes, corresponds to the BP 1.0 and allows SAP customers to develop, deploy and integrate enterprise applications in alignment with the new implementation guidelines. Through SAP's support of the BP 1.0, customers can operate directly with the new implementation guidelines, rather than dealing with the individual Web services specifications, such as SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol), WSDL (Web Services Description Language) and UDDI (Universal Description, Discovery and Integration). SAP's support for the BP 1.0 will allow companies to easily implement and continue using Web services while leveraging their existing technology investments, saving considerable time and expense.

WS-I is an open industry organization committed to promoting Web services interoperability across platforms, applications and programming languages. The organization unites a diverse community of Web services companies, including SAP, to provide guidance, recommended practices and supporting resources for developing interoperable Web services. WS-I BP 1.0 has the potential

to become the industry's common denominator for developing and deploying interoperable Web services based on industry-wide standards like XML, SOAP and WSDL.

"As a founding WS-I member, SAP AG is pleased to welcome the release of the WS-I Basic Profile 1.0," said Sinisa Zimek, director of technology strategy and standards, SAP. "WS-I participants like SAP have taken a great step in developing and promoting interoperability between applications. The BP 1.0 is significant for SAP customers who want to pursue business beyond what traditional integration strategies can provide."

About WS-I

WS-I is an open industry organization committed to promoting consistent and reliable interoperability among Web services across platforms, applications and programming languages. The organization unites a diverse community of Web services companies to provide guidance, recommended practices, and supporting resources for developing interoperable Web services. Since its formation in February 2002, more than 170 companies have joined WS-I. For more information please visit <http://www.ws-i.org>, or e-mail info@ws-i.org.

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