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MIS solution receives OLAP Survey 5 recognition

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LONDON, UK – 10 February 2006. Systems Union Group has announced that the prestigious OLAP Survey 5 has recognised the MIS software suite for high user satisfaction, excellent goal achievement rates and fast implementation times for the second year in a row. The survey, which is in its fifth edition reviewed 2,100 software implementations in 71 countries, is the largest independent study of OLAP products to date.

Users cited functionality, ease of use and the fast proof of concept as the top reasons for choosing MIS. The software suite also received the second best ranking for its achievement of business goals, specifically generating faster, more accurate reporting and better business decisions.

Paul Coleman, chief executive officer of Systems Union, commented: "Customer feedback is the most valuable endorsement of a solution's true value and we are delighted to have received this endorsement from our users. That said, we are never complacent and remain totally committed to the ongoing investment and development of our solutions, their rich functionality, usability and performance so that we can ensure that these levels of satisfaction are maintained."

Ian Caswell, Sapphire's Managing Director added: "Analytic applications that complement financial management solutions such as SunSystems enable our clients to make smarter, more informed business decisions based upon real-time analysis of their financial information. The report highlights the excellent track record of MIS in this area – allowing users to achieve their goals in the shortest possible timeframe".

The 2005 survey shows that MIS solutions continue to gain ground in the Corporate Performance Management market. Indeed, Systems Union's MIS software ranked among the top three solutions having been measured against the following assessment categories:

- Goal achievement
- Fastest implementation times
- Highest percentage of rollouts in 3 and 6 months
- Lowest shelfware rate
- Lowest net number of people to run/administer projects

- Median query times
- Median load/calculate times
- Saved headcount in business departments

Nigel Pendse, independent analyst and author of the OLAP Survey 5, concluded: "The OLAP Survey 5 is a comprehensive evaluation of OLAP tools and their usage, technical issues and overall success rate in customer sites. MIS's overall high rankings reflect the strength of the product in many different areas. For the second year in a row, the MIS software was positioned highly in the achievement of business goals as well as ease-of-use and performance features."

For more information about The OLAP Survey 5 please visit www.survey.com/olap

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About MIS

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