Vendors Demonstrate ebXML at XML One London

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Boston, MA, USA and Geneva, Switzerland; 14 March 2001 - Software vendors from around the world will come together to demonstrate the advanced progress of the ebXML specifications at the keynote session of the XML One conference in London on 21 March 2001. Bowstreet, Btrade, Commerce One, Documentum, Fujitsu, IBM, IPNet, Killdara, Netfish/Iona, Sun Microsystems and XML Global will together simulate a global, electronic business trading network using publicly available ebXML specifications for Messaging, Trading Partner Agreements and Registry Repository. According to the sponsors of ebXML, UN/CEFACT and OASIS, this proof-of-concept demonstration marks the final phase of ebXML development and heralds the beginning of ebXML product implementations.

"Vendors are coming forward, not only to support ebXML, but also to implement the specifications in their products," stated Klaus-Dieter Naujok of Netfish Technologies, chair of ebXML and member of the UN/CEFACT Steering Group. "The participation of vendors at XML One in London, many of whom are competitors, is a testimony to the stability and interoperability of ebXML specifications, and we applaud their cooperative efforts."

"It is exciting to see the ebXML development work of the past year come to fruition," added Dr. Robert S. Sutor of IBM, Vice-Chair of ebXML and a member of the OASIS Board of Directors. "The companies who are represented in this proof-of-concept demonstration are leading the way for ebXML product developers and enablers around the globe."

At XML One, attendees will learn how they will be able to use ebXML to dynamically formulate trading partnerships through a registry service and exchange electronic business transactions with a consistent XML-based messaging infrastructure. Although many types of business transactions could be exchanged, the ebXML vendors in London will demonstrate ebXML functionality using payloads from the Automotive Industry Action Group (AIAG).

In addition to the 11 vendors participating in the XML One conference, Interwoven and Cisco provided software for the ebXML demonstration. NTT Communications, Savvion, Sterling Commerce, TIE, Viquity and XMLSolutions also were instrumental in the proof-of-concept development.
About ebXML

ebXML (www.ebXML.org [1]) is an International Initiative established by UN/CEFACT and OASIS in late 1999 with a mandate to undertake an 18-month program of work to research and identify the technical basis upon which the global implementation of XML (Extensible Markup Language) can be standardized. The goal of ebXML is to facilitate open trade between organizations regardless of size by enabling XML to be used in a consistent manner to exchange electronic business data.

About UN/CEFACT

UN/CEFACT (www.uncefact.org [2]) is the United Nations body whose mandate covers worldwide policy and technical development in the area of trade facilitation and electronic business. Headquartered in Geneva, it has developed and promoted many tools for the facilitation of global business processes including UN/EDIFACT, the international EDI standard. Its current work programme includes such topics as Simpl-edi and Object Oriented EDI and it strongly supports the development and implementation of open, interoperable global standards and specifications for electronic business.

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