EuSpRIG 2008 – Worldwide Spreadsheet Experts Meet in London

Experts From Europe, United States and Canada Meet to Discuss Spreadsheet Excellence at the 9th Annual Spreadsheet Risks Conference.

Bury St Edmunds, UK – 11th June 2008 - The European Spreadsheet Risks Interest Group (EuSpRIG), in association with the promoters of Spreadsheet Safe, is holding its 2008 conference on the theme of "*In Pursuit of Spreadsheet Excellence*" on the 10th - 11th July 2008 at the University of Greenwich, London, United Kingdom. Speakers include Anthony McGeady of AIB Capital Markets, who will be speaking on "*End User Computing in AIB Capital Markets: A Management Summary*", Eric Perry of Prodiance who will be talking about "*Automating Spreadsheet Discovery and Risk Assessment*", and P Brown of Microsoft who will be speaking about "*Excel and the Accounting and Finance Professional*".

"The EuSpRIG conference has been hugely successful in terms of influencing the way the audit profession and large organisations manage Business Critical spreadsheets" said Grenville Croll, EuSpRIG Chair. "Recently there has been an improvement in the numbers of companies taking the spreadsheet issue seriously and implementing safe and effective control solutions" he continued.

The main sponsors of this event are the promoters of Spreadsheet Safe, a training and certification programme developed in response to the growing requirements of businesses to promote standard practices in spreadsheet end use and to the reduce the risks posed by unsafe spreadsheet practices. Spreadsheet Safe has been developed by Q-Validus, an international certification solutions provider in conjunction with BTL Group Limited and BPP Learning Media.

EuSpRIG 2008 is a forum for business people, regulators, auditors, academics and other interested parties to share information and ideas about the management of spreadsheet risks, related problems and opportunities. There are 20 papers and presentations in this year's conference. Other papers and topics include "*In Pursuit of Spreadsheet Excellence*", "*Information and Data Quality in Spreadsheets*" and "*Self-Checks in Spreadsheets: A Survey of Current Practice*", Speakers and delegates are expected from all over Europe, USA and Canada including representatives from Microsoft, Deloitte, Lloyds TSB, HMRC, and universities worldwide. Further information about EuSpRIG, including the conference programme and booking information is available at www.eusprig.org.

About EuSpRIG

EuSpRIG offers Risk Managers the world's only independent, authoritative & comprehensive web based information describing the current state of the art in Spreadsheet Risk Management. We run a well-established annual conference which provides a forum for researchers,

practitioners, trainers, vendors, consultants and auditors. EuSpRIG's entire peer reviewed proceedings are published on the publicly accessible Cornell University repository www.arxiv.org. EuSpRIG provide speakers and content for professional societies, associations, conferences and journals. EuSpRIG is a not-for-profit organisation governed by an elected committee operating under the terms of a written constitution. Committee members include senior managers and directors of leading accounting firms and senior academics from European Universities.

EuSpRIG 2008 Main Conference Sponsor – Spreadsheet Safe

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