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JBoss Positioned in Leaders Quadrant in Prestigious Enterprise Application Servers Magic Quadrant

ATLANTA, Ga. (August 14, 2006) – JBoss, a division of Red Hat (NASDAQ: RHAT), today announced that Gartner, Inc. has positioned JBoss in the Leaders Quadrant in the 2Q06 Enterprise Application Servers Magic Quadrant¹. According to Gartner, vendors listed in the Leaders Quadrant are performing well today, have a clear vision of market direction and are actively building competencies to sustain their leadership position in the market.

“We believe our position in the Leaders Quadrant confirms our model of building great software, distributing it under an open source license, and backing it up with high-value subscription services,” said Marc Fleury, senior vice president and general manager of the JBoss Division, Red Hat. “It’s a simple formula that is disrupting the software business and ultimately delivers greater value to our enterprise customers. This vision, backed by our proven ability to execute, is driving mass adoption of JBoss as a foundation for service-oriented architecture and Web 2.0 applications.”

Gartner noted, “Vendors that are strong in the record of their execution and their ability to follow and influence the market are labeled “market leaders.” Vendors were evaluated on their ability to execute, which reflects the staying power and record of execution of vendors in the market, and the completeness of vision, which reflects the vendors’ ability to understand the market trends, influence them, and follow them with agility and consistency.

With over eight million downloads, the JBoss Application Server is the centerpiece of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite (JEMS), the leading open source platform for service-oriented architecture (SOA). JEMS offers a pluggable architecture that allows enterprises to use as much or as little of the platform with room to expand as their business needs grow. For more information about JEMS, visit <http://jboss.com/products/index>.

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¹ "Magic Quadrant for Enterprise Application Servers, 2Q06"; Yefim V. Natis, Massimo Pezzini, Kimihiko Iijima and Michael Barnes; Gartner, Inc.; August 4, 2006.

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