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JBoss and NRI Partner to Bring Professional Open Source to the Asian Enterprise

Key Partnership Marks Major Expansion of JBoss Open Source Middleware into Asia

ATLANTA, Ga., May 24, 2005— JBoss, Inc., the Professional Open Source Company, and Nomura Research Institute, Ltd. (NRI), Japan's largest consulting firm and systems integrator, today announced a strategic partnership to promote enterprise deployments of the JBoss® Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS™) in Asia. As a premier-level partner, NRI will work closely with JBoss to make open source a safe choice for Asian enterprises looking to drive innovation and cost savings in their IT infrastructure.

"JBoss is one of the premier brands in open source today and has a strong track record of innovating ahead of the market and working with partners to deliver quality services to customers," said Tadashi Shimamoto, corporate senior vice president of NRI. "Over the past few years, NRI has increasingly encouraged the use of open source software for its ease of deployment, zero-cost licensing and low total cost of ownership. We are pleased to form this strategic partnership with JBoss to provide our clients with JBoss' Professional Open Source technologies and outstanding support services."

Under the terms of the agreement, NRI will provide Level 1 and Level 2 professional support, system integration and management services for enterprise systems featuring JEMS technologies. In turn, JBoss will offer NRI development support, training and personnel certification, comprehensive indemnification coverage and access to the JBoss Network™, the company's recently launched support platform.

"JBoss has enjoyed widespread enterprise adoption in the U.S. and European markets, and we anticipate as much interest and growth in Asia," said Bob Bickel, vice president of strategy and corporate development, JBoss, Inc. "This partnership with NRI is a crucial step in our expansion into Asia. As Japan's largest consulting firm and system integrator, NRI has the breadth and depth to help JBoss extend JEMS to countless enterprises across the continent."

As evidenced by JEMS, open source software has reached mature levels of reliability, performance and safety on par with many of today's costly commercial software products. In fact, JEMS products dominate in their markets. A BZ Research survey found that JBoss Application Server has overtaken IBM WebSphere and BEA WebLogic

as the most widely deployed application server at 34.8 percent, while an ONJava survey found that the JBoss Hibernate object/relational mapping (ORM) technology leads at 29 percent and Apache Tomcat is the most widely used JSP/servlet engine at 86 percent.

As more and more enterprise customers choose JBoss Professional Open Source for their critical e-business applications, JBoss is fully committed to standing behind its technology with the highest level of service quality. JBoss Professional Support services include the training, consulting and professional support needed at every step of the application lifecycle, whether it be designing enterprise applications, testing proof of concept, deploying mission-critical applications or rolling out JBoss open source middleware across an entire organization. Support is available directly from JBoss or through the company's extensive global network of partners.

About NRI

Nomura Research Institute (NRI) was set up in 1965 as Japan's first private-sector think tank. NRI acquired a system development function after merging with Nomura Computer Systems Co. in 1988. With "Dream up the future." as its corporate slogan, NRI has keen insight into new social paradigms and is always a step ahead of the times. Its two main businesses are consulting knowledge services (corporate management reform, policy advice, and asset management) and system solutions and services (system integration, outsourcing, and system resource sharing), both offering a total solution from identifying problems through to solving them.

About JBoss, Inc.

Through its Professional Open Source model, JBoss, Inc. is making open source a safe choice for the enterprise. JBoss provides the resources, technology direction, core development and support services that enable popular open source projects to scale into enterprise-class open source software. These projects include JBoss Application Server, Hibernate, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Portal, JBoss Eclipse IDE and Apache Tomcat, which are core components of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS). Companies like Corporate Express, La Quinta and Nielsen Media Research rely on JEMS for mission-critical enterprise applications. Partners embedding JEMS and reselling JBoss services include Computer Associates, HP, Novell and Unisys. JBoss has headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and Neuchâtel, Switzerland. For additional information, please visit www.jboss.com.

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