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New Release of the DataDirect Data Integration Suite Eases XML Data Integration Tasks and Delivers Bottom-Line Benefits to IT Operations

One-Stop Product Suite Features DataDirect XQuery(R) Version 4.0, DataDirect XML Converters(R) Version 4.0 and Stylus Studio(R) 2009

BEDFORD, Mass., Jan 06, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- DataDirect Technologies, the unparalleled leader in data connectivity and mainframe integration and an operating company of Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), announces the latest release of the DataDirect® Data Integration Suite featuring new versions of its XML-based component technologies for data integration in traditional and service-oriented environments. Designed to meet the data transformation and aggregation needs of developers, the DataDirect Data Integration Suite contains the latest product releases of DataDirect XQuery®, DataDirect XML Converters® (Java™ and .NET) and Stylus Studio® in one simple, highly flexible and robust installation.

The latest version of the DataDirect Data Integration Suite boasts new features and functionality to help maximize developer productivity, reduce the need for manual coding and accelerate the delivery of mission-critical information to enterprise applications and end-users.

DataDirect XQuery® 4.0

DataDirect XQuery is an XQuery processor that enables developers to access and query XML, relational data, Web services, EDI, legacy, or a combination of data sources. New to version 4.0 is full support for the XQuery Update Facility (XUF) - an extension of the XQuery language that allows making changes to data manipulated inside the XQuery. Now developers can more easily update individual XML documents, XML streams, and file collections from within their XQuery applications. The product also includes the ability to update and create Zip files, therefore supporting the OpenOffice XML format. These new performance features and the new Web services support and streaming and document projection enhancements found in DataDirect XQuery 4.0 allow developers to build and deploy applications more quickly and efficiently by dramatically simplifying the combining and processing of heterogeneous data sources and varied data formats. For complete release highlights go to: http://www.xquery.com/products/whatsnew.html

DataDirect XML Converters® 4.0

DataDirect XML Converters are high-performance Java™ and .NET components that provide developers with a fast, scalable product for converting between EDI and other legacy formats and ready-to-use XML. The latest release of the DataDirect XML Converters are fully compatible with Microsoft BizTalk Server 2006 and are integrated in the Microsoft BizTalk development environment for the streamlined use of XML Converters in the .NET environment.

For healthcare organizations needing to comply with the X12 electronic data interchange (EDI) standards and the latest Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 5010 transaction definitions, the DataDirect XML Converters now include support for the HIPAA EDI dialects including 004010A1, 005010 and 005010A1 messages. Further enhancements found in version 4.0 include the ability to handle Standard Exchange Format (SEF) extensions and EDI customizations to make managing XML conversion even easier. For complete release highlights go to: http://www.xmlconverters.com/products/whatsnew.html

Stylus Studio® 2009 XML Enterprise Suite

Stylus Studio, the award-winning XML Integrated Development Environment (IDE) features new XML productivity tools designed to further simplify and automate frequently encountered programming and data integration tasks. In addition to increased support for several popular databases and industry standards, Stylus Studio 2009 has a new EDI to XML module that works with DataDirect XML Converters in an interactive way to further enhance ease-of-use. Users can now load EDI documents to view contents, test conversions, create customizations and preview XML. The IDE also features a new EDI to XQuery document wizard and EDI to XSD document wizard that allows users to create XQuery and generate XML schema based on any of the EDI dialects supported by the DataDirect XML Converters that are bundled with Stylus Studio. For complete release highlights go to: http://www.stylusstudio.com/xml_product_new_features.html

"The goal of the DataDirect Data Integration Suite is to ease XML data integration tasks for those working with a variety of data sources, providing developers with an all-inclusive set of tools to complete their data integration projects," said Dr. Carlo Innocenti, senior XML program manager for DataDirect Technologies. "With the latest release of the DataDirect Data Integration Suite, we've provided even greater simplicity and performance advantages to maximize developer productivity and bring mission-critical applications to market faster."

About DataDirect Technologies

DataDirect Technologies is the software industry's only comprehensive provider of software for connecting the world's most critical business applications to data and services, running on any platform, using proven and emerging standards. Developers worldwide depend on DataDirect® products to connect their applications to an unparalleled range of data sources using standards-based interfaces such as ODBC, JDBC™ and ADO.NET, XQuery and SOAP. More than 300 leading independent software vendors and thousands of enterprises rely on DataDirect Technologies to simplify and streamline data connectivity for distributed systems and to reduce the complexity of mainframe integration. DataDirect Technologies is an operating company of Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS). For more information, visit www.datadirect.com.

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