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AWK Group enters partnership to implement the Incentage Middleware Suite

Zürich, 27 July 2004 – The AWK Group, one of Switzerland's leading independent consulting and engineering companies for information and communications systems, and Incentage, a Swiss software firm specialised in EAI solutions, are entering into a partnership in the EAI area. Within the terms of this partnership, the AWK Group will be responsible for the implementation and support of solutions from Incentage.

When it comes to the successful combination of standard packages, special solutions and Legacy-Systems (Enterprise Application Integration, EAI), the quality of the Middleware Suite and its professional implementation are critical factors. "Incentage and the AWK Group make an ideal team", says Felix Huber, CEO from Incentage. "While our Middleware Suite has received SWIFT GOLD accreditation thanks to our consistent focus on quality, the AWK Group has acquired an excellent reputation in the Swiss IT consulting market due to its high level of professionalism". Hilmar Brunn, a partner in the AWK Group, continues: "For clients in Switzerland, the alliance between two Swiss firms will bring clear

advantages thanks to their knowledge of the local market and their geographical proximity".

About the AWK Group AG

With over 80 employees, the AWK Group is one of the leading independent consulting and engineering groups in Switzerland for information and communications systems. The company supports its clients in strategic, conceptual and operational concerns in the areas of public administration, industry, power supplies, banks and insurance companies, public health services, police forces, road traffic, and public transport. The AWK Group is working with leading universities at the interface between science and business.

Since 1986, the companies in the AWK Group have realised over 2000 projects for more than 300 clients in the most wide-ranging sectors.

About Incentage

Incentage is Switzerland's specialist in EAI solutions for the financial services industry. The platform-independent Incentage Middleware Suite enables our clients to participate in business communities and integrate all applications throughout the company without the need for programming tasks. The Incentage Middleware Suite has achieved the highest possible award from SWIFT. The SWIFTReady GOLD Financial EAI accreditation is a logical consequence of a systematic drive towards quality.

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