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Sword FircoSoft teams with Expertus to launch Firco as a Service

- New SaaS On-demand watch list filtering and list management service
- Total low cost of ownership and pay per transactions pricing model
- Rapid on-boarding solution

Toronto, 15th April 2009. Sword FircoSoft, the leading global provider of watch list filtering solutions, and Expertus, Swift Regional Business Partner and Service Bureau provider, announced the immediate availability of Firco as a Service, the unique on-demand watch list filtering service relying on Sword FircoSoft's filtering suite in Canada.

Firco as a Service delivers a proven watchlist filtering solution in a secure, safe, and robust environment designed for small and medium sized organisations. The service offers transaction based pricing that provides institutions with a total low cost of ownership for their filtering needs. Additionally, a rapid on-boarding process ensures clients gain efficiency savings in a matter of weeks.

Firco as a Service offers a wide range of filtering options, from simple look up into the sanctions lists or internal lists through to real-time filtering of high value payments. Firco as a Service features Firco Continuity and Firco Trust products.

Firco Continuity allows filtering financial transactions such as Swift, Fedwire, Chips, and International and Canadian ACHs, in real time or in retrospective. Plug-and-play integration with most of the core banking applications is also available to reduce the effort required on the customer site.

Firco Trust allows institutions to check instantly on customer and counterparty data against selected lists as well as upload and filter a customer file. Integration with the legacy system of an institution is also possible thanks to the secure access offered by Expertus.

"We are glad to launch this new service jointly with Expertus, our long time business partner. Firco as a Service will bring to Canadian financial and non-financial institutions the quality of watch list filtering used today by 9 of the top 10 Banks across Canada. We truly believe that Firco as a Service represents a flexible and cost-effective solution while guaranteeing compliance with domestic and international regulations", Mr. Laurent Corbel, Sales Director, Sword FircoSoft, says.

"Firco as a Service fits well in our global SaaS offering. Firco as a Service joins other Bank critical services like Payment as a Service, RTGS as a Service and E&I as a Service already offered on our service bureau. Firco as a Service also features high integration capability with banking system, which makes it available on a large scale of banking platforms", Mr. Jacques Leblanc, President, Expertus, adds.

Expertus and Sword FircoSoft will present Firco as a Service at the 8th Annual Forum on Anti-Money Laundering organized by the Canadian Institute in Toronto, on 28th-29th April 2009.

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About Expertus

Expertus is a leader in assisting Financial Institutions and Corporations to collaborate effectively in the area of financial messaging (payment, cash management). Using its global experience in financial messaging, Expertus assists its clients in devising the best solution while reducing their operational costs and risks.

Expertus' Monetis Global Payment Solution™ is a fully customizable suite of applications designed to meet the ever evolving business and regulatory requirements. Expertus' unique product line and services (consulting and SWIFT Service Bureau) makes them a strong niche player in the financial messaging arena in Canada and around the world. Expertus is a dynamic, growing company, satisfying its clients with team work, effectiveness and professionalism.

About Sword FircoSoft

Over 335 financial institutions in more than 55 countries (representing over 650 sites) are already benefiting from the #1 watch list filtering solution* provided by Sword FircoSoft. Sword FircoSoft, provider of multi-alphabet ready filtering solutions, also offers best-in-class straight through processing and business intelligence solutions.

For more information about the advantages that Sword FircoSoft can offer your organisation, please visit www.sword-fircoSoft.com.

* ranking by Celent since 2003

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Sword Group (NYSE Euronext: FR0004180578 SWP) delivers high value business applications to the world's largest companies globally. With operations in 37 countries, Sword today employs over 2000 people and generates more than €200m in consolidated revenue.

An international leader in the delivery of Business Process Improvement solutions, Sword's skills, infrastructure and experience help our customers across regulated industries optimise performance, increase efficiencies and maximise return on investment.

With flexible delivery options, including On Demand and On Premises, combined with our extensive industry expertise, Sword provides comprehensive support to customers across insurance & healthcare, energy, banking & finance, telecoms, utilities, engineering & construction and the public sector.

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