









Press Release, December 4 2003

- 12% increase of 2003 pro forma revenue
- Acquisition of the assets of ZEN AND ART on December 4 2003

## **SWORD Group becomes stronger in the USA**

- SWORD Inc, the US subsidiary of SWORD Group, acquired the "Professional Services" activities of ZEN AND ART on Thursday, December 4 This IT Services Company activity targets major New York accounts, mainly in the fields of banking and insurance
- Using this base, SWORD Group will develop the ECM (content management) activity, for which ZEN AND ART team will become specialized by the end of 2004
- The key advantages of this acquisition are:
  - 12% increase of SWORD Group revenue
  - Acquisition of a Business unit with a current operating margin of 9% that should reach 14% in 2004
  - This strong position with major US accounts will reinforce our current presence in the USA
- The 2003 revenue is approx. \$ 7.8 m (€ 6.6 m), with 70 people at the end of 2003
- The 2004 growth target is 15%, i.e. a targeted revenue of \$ 9 m (€ 7.6 m)

## > SWORD Group

Founded in December 2000
Chairman and founder:
Jacques Mottard
524 employees as at
30/09/2003
Listed on EURONEXT PARIS NM
since 13/03/2002

Segment: Next Economy
Isin code: FR0004180578
Bloomberg code: SWDG FP
Reuter code: SWOR.LN
FTSE sector: 972 IT services

**SBF 250** 

> next meeting:

Sales revenue for Q4: January 14 2004

