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**Eurostep Announces Share-A-space® R7**

**With the release of Share-A-space® R7, Eurostep is increasing the use of Microsoft software adding SQL Server and SharePoint as key components to deliver an enterprise scalable solution.**

**Share-A-space® R7 will be shipping end of November 2009.**

The Share-A-space® SharePoint integration provides a product data portal that lets users view, access and control consolidated product data. Such data is typically distributed over multiple systems and organizations and Share-A-space® R7 enables the exploitation of this enterprise wide information asset. Share-A space® R7 addresses total cost of ownership (TCO) and ease of integration with the enterprise IT infrastructure. Overall performance and scalability is enhanced and last but not least, Share-A-space® R7 is designed for the future with Microsoft cloud technology in mind.

Share-A-space® is the premium software application for secure collaboration, supporting communities and collaboration inside enterprises as well as the extended and virtual enterprise. The information managed in Share-A-space® covers a product's complete life cycle, from requirement to retirement making it the ideal community system not only across enterprises but also across domains of the product's life cycle. Since its initial release, Share-A-space® has been focused on integration of product data from different sources with its unique feature of being based on product data standards such as STEP and PLCS. In addition to adding value by the standardization of legacy and proprietary product data, Share-A-space® brings powerful consolidation features to a community sharing product data. With Share-A-space® R7, integrating existing systems with Share-A-space® through web services is made even easier. Share-A-space® R7 is designed for integration with SharePoint and Microsoft Office 2010, greatly simplifying the viewing and editing of product information.

*“Despite the harsh 2009 business climate we are adding names to our customer base at a healthy pace”, says Håkan Kårdén, CEO Eurostep Group. “The openness of Share-A-space® with its roots in the STEP/PLCS open PLM standards is obviously attractive to many organizations. These organizations are looking for solutions that enable them to exchange and share product data between different PLM domains and disciplines in business networks. We are seeing great success in areas such as Global Engineering Change Management and in Product Support including Fleet Management. We see also a significant interest from Systems Engineering and Building Information Management (BIM), where the needs to share data in a secure and cost efficient way are similar. By incorporating Microsoft technology to the extent we have, we can focus on the uniqueness of Share-A-space® and to deliver game changing solutions to the demanding PLM collaboration market”, ends Mr. Kårdén.*

*“We are impressed by what Eurostep has been able to accomplish as a recognized leader in setting PLM standards”, says Don Richardson, Director of Global PLM Strategy at Microsoft. “They have now launched one of the most sophisticated PLM community systems in the market. It is clear that Share-A-space® R7 fits nicely in environments with already existing PLM tools from one or several vendors. Eurostep and its partners provide added value to the enterprise with minimal impact on existing tools and processes. By including support for SharePoint and SQL Server, Eurostep brings a very powerful and integrated solution to this market”, ends Mr. Richardson.*

*About Eurostep:*

*Eurostep delivers software and consulting services for product lifecycle management with a particular focus on the exchange and sharing of data within and between enterprises. Services range from pre-studies to the implementation and support of systems. Eurostep’s flagship product, Share-A-space® is software that supports collaborative engineering across the life cycle of products. Eurostep has subsidiaries in Sweden, the UK, Finland, France and the US and has blue-chip customers in a variety of industries including automotive, aerospace, defence, high tech/telecom, building & construction and process industries.*

*Eurostep Group has been an international venture from its inception in 1994, and all subsidiaries have access to the leading edge PLM knowledge base in Eurostep Group.*

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