Reuters Acquires Diagram, a Major European Provider of Financial Software Solutions

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London – Reuters, the global information, news and technology group, has acquired Diagram fip SA, a major European provider of financial software solutions for the capital markets, for £42.6 million in cash (Euro 66.9 million) from Caravelle, a French holding company. Based in Paris, Diagram had audited revenues of £17.4 million (Euro 27.4 million) in 2000 and employs 230 staff.

Diagram supplies back-office solutions, including software packages, and value-added services such as consulting, training and integration for banks, brokers, fund and asset managers and insurance companies. It also offers integrated corporate treasury systems, including electronic banking solutions, for the cash and risk management departments of corporations and large banks. Diagram currently operates in France and Benelux but is developing businesses in Italy and Japan.

Diagram's products will be further integrated with Reuters trade and risk management solutions, using Active-Enterprise technology supplied by TIBCO Software Inc. Already Reuters and Diagram have provided integrated solutions using Kondor+, Reuters flagship risk product for the front offices of financial institutions. Integrated solutions meet the strong demand for Straight Through Processing and Operational Risk Management in the capital markets which link all stages of a transaction from pre-trade analytics and deal capture to clearing, settlement and accounting.

Diagram's development and product management staff will be integrated into Effix, a Reuters development centre for front and middle-office solutions based in Paris. The management of Diagram will remain with the company and play a full part in the integration. Reuters will distribute Diagram's products worldwide.

Pierre-Andre Martel, President of Diagram, commented: "Diagram is a solid company facing the challenges of globalisation. Reuters came to us with an outstanding opportunity for Diagram to become a full member of a powerful worldwide player offering integrated front-to-back office solutions. With such complementary products, similar culture and professionalism, the integration into Reuters seems a natural step. There could not be a better project for our employees and our customers."

Philip Green, Chief Executive, Reuters Financial, commented: "This example of our strategy to 'buy not build' will immediately strengthen Reuters position in the global software solutions market and enable us to offer our customers a complete integrated front-to-back office solution. At the same time it will strengthen our presence in the buy-side and corporate treasury markets. Diagram and Reuters already enjoy a proven working relationship and we aim further to exploit these synergies."

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Diagram is a major European supplier of software solutions for capital markets. Founded 14 years ago, Diagram supplies back and middle office solutions for banks, insurance companies, asset managers, mutual funds and corporate treasuries. These solutions include software packages and value-added services such as consulting, training and integration. Diagram has 400 installed sites mostly in France and Benelux. Its major products

are: Diagram Capital Markets, an integrated back and middle office solution for banks and brokerage firms; Diagram Asset Management, a solution dedicated to professional fund and asset managers; CashFlow, an integrated corporate treasury system; and Diagram EDI, an electronic banking software.

Caravelle is a holding company that specialises in companies with significant positions in niche markets, mostly in the services and high technology areas. It provides the necessary human and financial resources to restructure and develop them with an emphasis on growth and profitability. Caravelle has consolidated revenues of 40 million Euros.

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