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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

UXC Business Unit Eclipse buys Data#3's Microsoft Navision business

Eclipse Computing (Australia) Pty Ltd, a business unit of UXC Limited, has acquired the Microsoft Business Solutions-Navision arm of Data#3 Ltd (ASX:DTL) for an undisclosed sum. Eclipse is already the largest Microsoft Business Solutions (MBS) Partner in Australia, and in the top one percent of MBS resellers globally by revenue. The acquisition will increase Eclipse's MBS revenues by approximately 20 percent, and will improve UXC's earnings per share immediately.

Eclipse will add over 40 Microsoft Navision clients from Data#3's Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney practices to its existing client base of more than 400 customers nationally. Microsoft Navision will be a new business unit for Eclipse with 13 dedicated staff from Data#3 moving across to Eclipse (prefer have been offered roles). This will bring Eclipse's staff numbers to approximately 115 across five locations.

Adding Microsoft Navision to its portfolio makes Eclipse the only integrator and reseller in Australia to offer the complete mid market Microsoft Business Solutions product range nationally. Eclipse will now offer Microsoft Axapta, Navision and Great Plains to the Australian mid-market.

Bradley Stroop, CEO of Eclipse said, "Microsoft Navision is an ideal fit for medium sized companies with unique financials, distribution, manufacturing and warehousing requirements that want a complete solution with customisation and leading technology, but without the high-end price. We see Microsoft Navision as filling the gap between the powerful Microsoft Axapta at the higher end and Great Plains which is fast becoming an 'out-of-the-box' solution for the general business market."

Data#3's Microsoft Navision customers will benefit from Eclipse's 13 years' experience delivering financial and operational solutions and support across Australia. Eclipse will provide a 24 x 7 onshore support facility with dedicated and fully qualified consultants available on its help desk.

Geoff Lord, executive chairman of UXC Limited, Eclipse's parent company said, "Eclipse's purchase of Data#3's Navision business continues UXC's expansion and helps solidify our position as Australia's leading local technology stock. With Eclipse's established credibility as a Gold Certified Partner for Microsoft Business Solutions Axapta and Great Plains, it was

important that Eclipse made an appropriate acquisition in relation to the Navision market. The acquisition of Data[#]3's Navision business is a strategic step that builds on Eclipse's existing success."

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ABOUT UXC LIMITED

UXC Limited is an S&P / ASX 300 listed Australian business solutions company that has grown its market capitalisation from some \$7 million in 1998 to over \$100 million today. UXC Limited offered a dividend yield of over 6.25% fully franked in 2003, and expects to at least maintain the current dividend rate. Revenue is running at an annual rate exceeding \$180 million and the group employs more than 1,000 employees. The company has substantial resources with which to fund further acquisitive growth.

UXC provides its services through three divisions:

Utility Services Group, which is engaged in asset and data management for utilities, including electricity distribution asset inspection, management and maintenance services; the provision of utility meter installation and reading services; related data management and GIS services; mobile telephony and industrial design;

Business Solutions Group, which is involved in consulting, implementation and integration, application, and infrastructure services, including knowledge management; project and change management; CRM, ERP, financial and business information applications; technology architecture; IT security; and data storage and management;

Intellectual Property Ventures Group, which is concerned with identifying, developing and commercialising intellectual property to realise associated capital gains.

ABOUT ECLIPSE

Eclipse Computing (Australia) Pty Ltd is a leading provider of intelligent business solutions. Established in 1991, Eclipse's success has been built by offering a choice of solutions from business partners such as Microsoft Business Solutions, Pivotal Corporation, Systems Union and PayGlobal.

With offices in all major Australian cities, Eclipse employs some 100 personnel and is committed to supporting more than 400 customers.

Eclipse is the number one Australian reseller of Microsoft Business Solutions and credits this success to an unusual approach to customer service that blends service standards from the hospitality industry with technology expertise.