

Data#3 wins tick of approval for National Heart Foundation project

Innovative eForms solution wins Microsoft Australia's 'Spotlight on Business Process and Integration' competition in Queensland



BRISBANE, Australia, 5 April 2006 — Data#3 Limited (ASX:DTL), an Australian ICT solutions company, has won a competition for Microsoft partners in Queensland for a technology solution it developed for the National Heart Foundation of Australia.

The winning project will automate the application and accreditation process for the non-profit organisation's well-known 'Tick' food information program (www.heartfoundation.com.au/tick). "The National Heart Foundation of Australia expects to achieve a 70 percent reduction in manual tasks undertaken by its highly skilled people. This new efficiency means that they can focus on their mission of working with food companies to improve their products and ultimately improve the food supply. By moving from paper-based and multiple-entry processes to automated online processing, the organisation expects to reduce processing costs, increase staff capacity and achieve faster response times to customers.

"As a technology partner, Data#3 is helping us to look for new and better ways of working that result in savings, efficiencies and new business opportunities. We were pleased to support their entry in the Microsoft competition and have no doubt that we will be reaping the rewards of their success," said Damon Mudge, National Operations Manager, National Heart Foundation of Australia.

The 'Spotlight on Business Process and Integration' competition challenged Microsoft Gold Certified Partners in Queensland to develop innovative solutions that improve business processes and integrate disparate systems for a customer. Data#3 was selected as the winning entry at a forum of over 150 business managers, along with Microsoft staff and partners, at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in March. Attendees voted for the organisation they felt provided the customer with the best solution to solve a business need, based on a 25 minute presentation and demonstration.

"Winning the Microsoft competition is a great testimony to the depth of experience in our team here at Data#3," said John Grant, Managing Director, Data#3. "What is most important is that we did what we always do – developed a quality solution that solved a real customer problem.

"Business process automation and systems integration solutions represent tremendous opportunity for Data#3 and our customers, as they are proven to deliver significant business value by improving organisational capacity, quality and business process manageability," said Grant.

Data#3 used Microsoft BizTalk Server 2006, Microsoft SQL Server 2000 and Microsoft Office 2003 (specifically Windows SharePoint Services and InfoPath) to develop the solution.

As a finalist in the competition, the National Heart Foundation and Data#3 used a development grant, training and technical support from Microsoft to help create the proof of concept. As part of winning the competition, two Data#3 technical staff will spend a week at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, immersing themselves in the latest technology.

About Data#3

Since listing in 1997, Data#3 has evolved from a Queensland oriented Information and Communication Technology (ICT) solutions company to one of national significance. In its first year of listing, Data#3 revenues were \$69 million and staff numbered 250. Last year revenues were \$197 million and over 520 staff served customers from offices in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Townsville, Rockhampton and Gladstone.

As an ICT solutions company, Data#3 seeks to deliver exceptional value to its customers by applying expertise in:

- Software that enhances productivity and information management,
- The design, implementation, management and support of reliable ICT infrastructure,
- Cost effective procurement of ICT hardware and software, and
- Sourcing people with the right ICT skills.

Data#3's customers cover a wide range of industries including banking and finance, mining, tourism and leisure, legal, healthcare, manufacturing, distribution, government and utilities and are located throughout Australia and Asia Pacific.

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