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Axis introduces latest version 8.3 of Applix TM1

Escape from spreadsheet hell with new planning and reporting features in TM1

Brussels, May 27th 2004 – Aaxis, distributor and integrator of Advanced Business Intelligence solutions in the Benelux and France announces the availability of Applix TM1, version 8.3.

TM1, version 8.3, now has interactive features specifically designed for planning and reporting. Aaxis' customers also rely on TM1 for real-time, what-if analytics, low total cost of ownership, and integration with enterprise applications such as general ledger, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) systems.

New features

Enabling Microsoft Excel to be an Interactive Planning and Reporting Tool, the newest version of TM1 adds user-driven features that enhance the use of Excel as a BI tool. These new features are supported in both TM1 and TM1 Web:

- * Drill up/drill down capabilities to expand and contract consolidated cells
- * A TM1 toolbar in Excel to access planning and reporting functions
- * The ability for Excel users to access TM1 via the Web
- * Report printing directly from Excel.

Patrick Groenweghe, Director of Aaxis, says: "*With an estimated 150 million registered users of Excel, it is clearly the tool of choice for managing numerical information. With this in mind, we were looking for a solution with a powerful backend and analytics technology strengthened with the most widely accepted financial management tool - Excel. TM1 8.3 provides this combination which enables businesses to leverage the ubiquity of Excel by using it as a vehicle for better understanding financial and operational details in the budgeting and planning processes.*"

TM1 presents all its information directly in Excel, via individual desktops or via the Web. TM1 is the only solution that publishes Excel worksheets to the Web while also enabling authorized users to change the data via the Web. All changes made in Excel or via the Web are captured and recorded in the TM1 server, giving companies a "single version of the truth."

TM1 analytics supporting SQL server

Applix Inc. announced full integration of Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Reporting Services with Applix's TM1 analytics platform. The TM1 business intelligence analytical engine powers a suite of strategic planning, analysis, reporting and performance management solutions used by 1 700 companies worldwide.

Applix TM1 users will be able to use Microsoft Reporting Services to author, generate and disseminate large-volume, scheduled and on-demand reports from TM1-based applications.

Added Support for ODBO

TM1 now offers added support for ODBO (OLE DB for OLAP), which will ease integration between TM1 and other data sources such as Microsoft's Analysis Services and SAP Business Warehouse, for a comprehensive business performance management solution. This integration further extends the benefit of business performance management throughout the enterprise.

Availability

Aaxis will offer this latest version as of July 2004.

For more information on the companies or the solutions mentioned, please contact Christophe Sintubin, Marketing Manager, at Csintubin@be.aaxis.com.

About Aaxis

Aaxis is distributor and integrator of Advanced Business Intelligence solutions such as Corporate Performance Management, OLAP, Data Warehousing, ETL and IT Service Management applications. These solutions apply to the general management, financial managers and budget controllers, sales and marketing managers, operational managers and EDP managers. Aaxis has distribution agreements with Applix, Geac, Informatica, Kalido and iET Solutions; it has worked in this field for over 25 years. Aaxis has offices in Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and more than 450 customers. The group's headquarter is situated at Leuvensesteenweg 392B in 1932 Sint-Stevens-Woluwe, +32 2 725 16 44. More information can be found on www.aaxis.com.

About Applix

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