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**ARJUNA AND IONA ACHIEVE WEB SERVICES
TRANSACTION INTEROPERABILITY**

*Successful Participation at WS-Transactions Interoperability Workshop An
Important Step in Advancing Specifications*

DUBLIN, Ireland & WALTHAM, Mass. & NEWCASTLE, England – February 8, 2005 -- IONA® Technologies (NASDAQ: IONA), a world leader in high-performance integration solutions for mission-critical IT environments, along with Arjuna, a leading supplier of standards-based transaction management software, today announced the recent successful demonstration of Web services transaction interoperability at a workshop hosted by IBM. In addition to demonstrating interoperability between their products, IONA, Arjuna and other participants used the workshop as a forum to ensure that the WS-AtomicTransaction, WS-Coordination and WS-BusinessActivity specifications are ready to be submitted to a standards body for review and ratification.

“To make Web services the de facto standard for supporting the integration requirements of mission-critical systems, the industry requires a widely adopted, functional transaction processing standard that can operate reliably across the diverse infrastructures of technology driven businesses,” explained Eric Newcomer, CTO, IONA. “Artix™, IONA’s extensible Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) is already highly regarded for its ability to turn enterprise diversity into an asset by bridging the multiple protocols, transports and security environments found in large, distributed systems. These emerging Web services transaction specifications are important in that they will allow Artix to effectively and reliably bridge the various transaction environments deployed by our customers and prospects.”

As an extensible ESB, Artix allows the core capabilities of an enterprise system to be expanded to address project-specific or platform-specific application characteristics. In an enterprise context, where multiple infrastructure platforms and multiple system architectures must be made to work together, such user control is essential. Only an extensible solution can address the level of complexity and heterogeneity that is common to today’s enterprises.

Arjuna’s latest product offering (Arjuna Transaction Service 4.0) uses a standards compliant coordination infrastructure to support business transactions that span multiple Web services, J2EE and CORBA components and ensures that the consistency of the overall business transaction is maintained even in the event of occasional component failures. With support for both short lived ACID transactions (WS-AtomicTransaction) and long running business processes (WS-

BusinessActivity), ArjunaTS provides the ideal solution for business process coordination both inside the enterprise and along the supply chain.

“Arjuna has been actively involved in shaping transaction specifications for over 20 years and has worked closely with IBM, IONA and other industry leaders over that period,” said David Ingham, CTO, Arjuna. “We’re very happy to announce this successful interoperability demonstration between ArjunaTS 4.0 and products from IONA and the other vendors. This event demonstrates that Web services technology is ready for real business-critical deployments and reinforces our reputation as a Centre of Excellence for transactional technology.”

As an increasing number of organizations look to deploy Web services projects in the enterprise, and use Web services to support mission-critical initiatives, it is important that the standards driving the industry are able to support these efforts. The demonstration of WS transactions interoperability highlights the fact that the Web services standards are evolving and maturing to provide the critical support required for real-world, heterogeneous enterprise computing.

The WS transactions specifications are designed to enable interoperability of distributed, recoverable transactions. They are also intended to support traditional, short-lived transactions, as well as the long-term and highly coordinated activities that drive a majority of enterprise business processes.

About Arjuna Technologies

Arjuna Technologies is a leading independent supplier of standards-based middleware technology for reliable distributed systems. Arjuna offers transactioning and reliable messaging products for J2EE and Web services environments. Arjuna was created from the former Hewlett-Packard Arjuna Lab, HP's Centre of Excellence for transactioning, messaging and related technologies.

Arjuna's second-generation Web services transactioning technology is available now as part of the Arjuna Transaction Service product that supports multi-modal transactions spanning Web services, J2EE and CORBA systems. Arjuna can provide platform vendors with the consultancy, the technology and the integration support to add world-class reliability to their products.

Arjuna's customers include Ascential Software, Cisco Systems, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, and Tibco Software.

Arjuna is privately owned and based in Newcastle upon Tyne, England. For further information visit our Web site at <http://www.arjuna.com>.

About IONA

For more than a decade, IONA® Technologies (NASDAQ: IONA) has been a world leader in delivering high-performance integration solutions for enterprise IT environments. IONA pioneered standards-based integration with its CORBA-based Orbix® product family. The Artix™ product family, IONA's new generation of integration solutions, enables existing enterprise systems to be integrated with an organization's common infrastructure components. Customers use Artix to incorporate current IT assets into valuable new business applications through enterprise-class, standards-based connectivity.

With its partners, IONA can deliver NOW on the promise of service-oriented integration, making it possible for customers to achieve system longevity and agility at a significantly lower cost.

IONA's customers include Global 2000 companies in telecommunications, financial services, aerospace and manufacturing, including AT&T, Verizon, BellSouth, Deutsche Telekom, British Telecom, Hong Kong Telecom, NTT, Credit Suisse, Merrill Lynch, Winterthur Insurance, Zurich Insurance and Boeing.

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