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SINGAPORE COMPUTER SYSTEMS SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE FOR THE COLLABORATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN GRID COMPUTING

Singapore, 17th November 2003 — Singapore Computer Systems Ltd (SCS) today announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Grid Computing and Distributed Systems (GRIDS) Laboratory in The University of Melbourne, Australia.

SCS will collaborate with the GRIDS laboratory on Gridbus technology and provide resources and engineers to further develop Gridbus into production quality software which SCS can then deploy in its various Grid computing projects. GRIDS laboratory will further act as advisors to the project.

“We are honoured that Dr Rajkumar Buyya from the GRIDS laboratory is collaborating with SCS. As one of the early pioneers in Grid computing, Dr Buyya will provide SCS with a researched and advanced Gridbus platform on which we can further contribute to and build upon,” said Mr Laurence Liew, Manager of SCS Linux Competency Centre.

“It is one of the many technologies we hope to offer to our Grid computing customers in the future”, he added.

“We are excited about this opportunity to collaborate with Singapore Computer Systems in advancing the adoption of Grid computing,” said Dr Rajkumar Buyya. Dr Buyya, the Program Leader/Director for Grid Computing and Distributed Systems at GRIDS laboratory added, “We have collaborated informally with SCS for quite sometime now and the formal adoption of Gridbus technologies by SCS’ grid computing team will give SCS a competitive edge, by being able to deploy one of world’s leading Grid computing softwares.”

“While Grid computing is an emerging technology in Singapore, it is already gaining ground. SCS is deploying Grid technologies for the National Grid Pilot Platform Project - the first phase of a national cyber-infrastructure project that links up compute resources in Singapore via a high-speed network. SCS is in the thick of action as we are providing resources as well as helping to manage their operations,” said Mr Pek Yew Chai, President and Chief Executive Officer of SCS.

The MOU includes joint research and development on Grid computing technologies, sharing of Grid technologies via seminars and training events to be conducted in Singapore, and the co-development of Gridbus software.

About Singapore Computer Systems

SCS is a leading information and communications technology (ICT) service provider in the Asia-Pacific region. Its key competencies are in IT and Business Consultancy, Systems Integration, Outsourcing, Networking, E-commerce and R&D/Product Development. Other services include business recovery and call centre services, e-Learning solutions, provision of a wide range of computer hardware and software through systems integration and many more. Incorporated in 1980, SCS has 2,000 employees who operate from Singapore and nine countries - Australia, Brunei, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, India, Philippines, Thailand and the United States. The Group's subsidiaries include: SCS Enterprise Solutions, SCS Enterprise Systems, SCS Foresight, SCS Networks, iGlobal Services, Mach30, PeridotHealth Systems, and TX123. (bold red maybe to take out). It has added Scalable Systems Pte Ltd to its list of investments on 7th Nov, 2003.

About GRIDS Laboratory, The University of Melbourne

The Grid Computing and Distributed Systems (GRIDS) Laboratory is a software research and development group within the Dept. of Computer Science and Software Engineering at the University of Melbourne, Australia. The members of GRIDS Lab and PDC research group are actively engaged in the design and development of next generation computing systems and applications. The GRIDS lab is working towards realizing this vision through its flagship project called Gridbus. For further information, please visit the Gridbus Project Website - www.gridbus.org/

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