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Capgemini and NTT DATA form a Strong Alliance

Paris, 19th July 2005 – Paul Hermelin, CEO of Cap Gemini S.A. (headquarters: Paris, France hereafter Capgemini) and Tomokazu Hamaguchi, President and CEO of NTT DATA Corporation (headquarters: Tokyo, Japan hereafter NTT DATA) today announced their agreement to form a strong alliance that includes NTT DATA acquiring 95% of the shares of Capgemini Japan K.K. (Representative Director and Chairman: Kimihiro Indo, headquarters: Tokyo, Japan hereafter Capgemini Japan). Capgemini Japan will operate under a new corporate name and as an independent subsidiary of NTT DATA.

For Capgemini, this alliance brings many potential benefits. For its many global clients in the USA and Europe, it gives them access in Japan to a vast capability combining the existing Capgemini Japan's consulting skills with a Japanese leader in systems integration, network integrated services and outsourcing. Capgemini will offer NTT DATA a preferred (but non exclusive) partner status whenever any of its clients require services in Japan.

For NTT DATA, with Capgemini's leading position in Europe and other parts of the world, it is now fully capable to offer professional services to the increasing global demands of its Japanese clients. In the USA and in Europe, NTT DATA will offer Capgemini a preferred (but non exclusive) partner status. NTT DATA also aims to enhance its management consulting ability to its clients utilizing some of the Capgemini's skills and experience through the newly acquired company.

More generally, both organizations see great potential to cross utilize each other's specific skills and experience for the benefit of both companies' clients.

In order to facilitate this alliance, both groups will form an Alliance Council at the executive level and an Operational Committee and Capgemini will take a seat on Capgemini Japan's new Board of Directors.

The transaction is expected to close during the third quarter of Year 2005.

"This transaction, which combines our alliance with NTT DATA, gives us a powerful solution to better serve our global clients in Japan and brings us opportunities to serve NTT DATA's global clients abroad, in Europe and the USA specifically. By leveraging each group's strengths and technology skills, we have an exciting opportunity to address new market on a global basis", comments Paul Hermelin, CEO of Capgemini.

"Recently, it has become very clear that our clients require us to support their businesses in consistency, from IT strategy to global operations. Therefore, I am excited about this transaction with Capgemini including the acquisition of Capgemini Japan which has many experienced consultants. I am convinced that by combining both groups' strength, we can serve our clients better and achieve mutual growth globally", comments Tomokazu Hamaguchi, President and CEO of NTT DATA.

About NTT DATA

NTT DATA is a leading systems integrator in Japan with revenues of 854 billion Japanese Yen in FY 2004 and 18,720 employees consolidated. NTT DATA is a subsidiary of NTT (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation) which owns approximately 54% of the shares outstanding.

About the Capgemini Group

Capgemini, one of the world's foremost providers of Consulting, Technology and Outsourcing services, reported 2004 global revenues of 6.3 billion euros and employs approximately 60,000 people worldwide.