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Capgemini Makes Cloud Computing for the Enterprise a Reality with Amazon Web Services

*Capgemini launches Cloud Computing Center of Excellence delivering innovation
for the Enterprise market*

Paris, November 18, 2008 – Capgemini, one of the world's foremost providers of consulting, technology and outsourcing services, today announced an agreement signed between Capgemini UK plc and Amazon Web Services, a subsidiary of Amazon.com (NASDAQ: AMZN), extending its Outsourcing portfolio with Cloud Computing services. Capgemini's new Center of Excellence, focused on cloud computing, will help its enterprise clients take full advantage of integrating cloud computing into their IT and business strategy. Capgemini's Cloud Computing Center of Excellence will initially have a team of Amazon Web Services-trained professionals located in North America, Europe and India to help clients evaluate and implement Amazon's current offering; this will evolve as other provider's cloud computing capabilities mature. The centre will also offer Cloud Consulting, Development, Migration and Back-up Services.

Under the right circumstances, leveraging the fast developing cloud computing market has the potential to create significant value for enterprise customers in terms of scale, flexibility, reducing time to market, environmental efficiency and given the economic climate, perhaps the most important feature of reduced capital expenditure.

Capgemini's new Cloud Computing Center of Excellence will initially focus on three enterprise use cases: Microsoft® Sharepoint in the cloud, Oracle® ERP in the cloud, and Application Development and Testing in the cloud. Capgemini has so far conducted successful pilots of cloud computing capability for all three use cases on the Amazon Web Services platform.



In order to help enterprise customers understand cloud computing and define relevant business opportunities, Capgemini will be offering cloud computing workshops built around its tried and tested Accelerated Solutions Environment (ASE*) methodology.

“We want every business to understand the benefits of cloud computing and the mature services that Amazon Web Service delivers—that they can save money without giving up speed, reliability, flexibility, and performance—and to be able to get up and running with our services quickly and easily,” said Adam Selipsky, Vice President of Product Management and Developer Relations for Amazon Web Services. *“Collaborating with Capgemini to help them offer their enterprise clients the benefits of cloud computing through Amazon Web Services helps us achieve this goal.”*

“This is a ground-breaking partnership that clearly demonstrates Capgemini’s strategy to always support its clients’ transformation with the most efficient innovations in the market” said Paul Spence, Head of Outsourcing, Capgemini. *“The benefits of the Capgemini Cloud capability will be particularly relevant in today’s economic climate and we want our clients to be able to take advantage of early providers such as Amazon Web Services”.*

About Capgemini

Capgemini, one of the world's foremost providers of consulting, technology and outsourcing services, enables its clients to transform and perform through technologies. Capgemini provides its clients with insights and capabilities that boost their freedom to achieve superior results through a unique way of working - the Collaborative Business Experience - and through a global delivery model called Rightshore®, which aims to offer the right resources in the right location at competitive cost. Present in 36 countries, Capgemini reported 2007 global revenues of EUR 8.7 billion and employs over 86,000 people worldwide.

More information is available at <http://www.capgemini.com/cloud-computing>.

About Amazon.com

Amazon.com, Inc., (NASDAQ: AMZN), a Fortune 500 company based in Seattle, opened on the World Wide Web in July 1995 and today offers Earth's Biggest Selection. Amazon.com, Inc. seeks to be Earth's most customer-centric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online, and endeavors to offer its customers the lowest possible prices. Amazon.com and other sellers offer millions of unique new, refurbished and used items in categories such as books, movies, music & games, digital downloads, electronics & computers, home & garden, toys, kids & baby, grocery, apparel, shoes & jewelry, health & beauty, sports & outdoors, and tools, auto & industrial.

Amazon Web Services provides Amazon's developer customers with access to in-the-cloud infrastructure services based on Amazon's own back-end technology platform, which developers can use to enable virtually any type of business. Examples of the services offered by Amazon Web Services are Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2), Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3), Amazon SimpleDB, Amazon Simple Queue Service (Amazon SQS), and Amazon Flexible Payments Service (Amazon FPS).

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*ASE (Accelerated Solutions Environment): A set of resources (innovative workspaces, dedicated teams, etc.) made available by Capgemini to its clients, in a three-day session designed to encourage active listening and exchanges of ideas so that shared decisions can be reached within compact timeframes, allowing projects to get off the ground faster.