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**- Rugby World Cup 2007 -
Capgemini served up a “flawless” performance over the 48 matches**

*More than 46,000 events recorded and 15 million unique users
on the www.rugbyworldcup.com website*

Paris, October 31, 2007 – In the wake of the Rugby World Cup 2007, Capgemini, the tournament’s Official Technology Sponsor, responsible for designing, developing and managing the IT systems of the world’s third largest sporting event, is pleased with its performance. The Group provided a flawless technical service and seamless quality over the 48 matches.

In addition to creating, designing and maintaining the competition’s official website (www.rugbyworldcup.com), *Rugby World Cup Limited (RWCL)* also entrusted Capgemini with producing a statistics system and broadcasting the statistical results across television, the internet and mobile telephones. The IT tools needed for a successful tournament involved deploying the planning and management tools as well as the software for the Rugby World Cup. Capgemini mobilized 110 people for the whole project.

In total, **46,158 events** including points scored, player changes, ball possession, number of scrums won or lost, tries, conversions, penalties, tackles, fouls, were collected throughout the competition. The ‘spotters’ noted an average of 962 events per match, with notable records during the France/England semi-final, when 1,106 events were collected, and the South Africa/England final when 1,118 events were recorded.

With more than 150 million pages viewed and **15 million unique users** (40% of which visited the site on a daily basis), the www.rugbyworldcup.com website has been a real success. In particular, it meant that rugby’s many fans across the world could follow the competition: the United Kingdom and France made up a large part of the audience (respectively 19% and 12%) but the United States, Argentina and Australia also knocked up a significant score (respectively 11%, 8.5% and 8.5%). The competition’s official website received a considerable volume of visitors with connection peaks exceeding 10 million visitors an hour during some matches. The system was up to the challenge and no service interruption nor connection problems were experienced on the Rugby Tracker, a tool which allowed the public to follow matches in real time.



"Rugby World Cup 2007 was ultimately an extremely successful Tournament that will be remembered as the most successful in the Tournament's 20-year history. Such acclaim can be attributed to the tireless work of the Tournament staff and the thousands of volunteers who worked so hard to deliver the Tournament, but also to the likes of the key official suppliers and sponsors such as Capgemini, whose contribution was massive. In addition to developing and maintaining the Rugby World Cup website, which attracted a record number of hits, Capgemini also played a key role in the delivery of the Tournament statistics for the media and broadcasters. On behalf of RWCL I would like to thank them for all of their hard work during the Tournament", said Syd Millar, IRB (International Rugby Board) Chairman.

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