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Software AG's webMethods Earns High Rankings for SOA/BPM from AMR Research

- Leading research firm conducts real-world analysis of top SOA/BPM platforms, including BEA, IBM, Oracle, SAP, Tibco and webMethods Fabric
- webMethods recognized with highest scores in five of seven categories - tied with one other vendor for the distinction
- *"We expect webMethods' [recent] merger with Software AG to make it a stronger player in the market"*—AMR Research

Darmstadt, Germany , 30-07-2007, Software AG, a global leader in business infrastructure software, today announced that the webMethods Fabric product suite earned the highest scores possible within five of seven categories in a recent analysis of leading integrated platforms for service-oriented architecture (SOA) and business process management (BPM). webMethods tied with one other vendor for this distinction. Other vendors evaluated by AMR Research, Inc., the No. 1 advisory firm focused on supply chain, enterprise applications, and infrastructure, included BEA, IBM, Oracle, SAP and Tibco. Scores were based on each product suite's ability to address real-world business requirements using an actual implementation of currently available products.

According to the report [*SOA and BPM for Enterprise Applications: A Dose of Reality* (May 31, 2007) by Bill Swanton and Ian Finley], "webMethods has one of the most elegant offerings in this space for companies with a primarily packaged application footprint. Its heritage as an EAI vendor proved a perfect springboard for its SOA and BPM offerings. The Fabric 7 suite was well integrated and approachable by business analysts and architects, with minimal need for detailed software development capability. Even with this simplicity, its Infravio registry and repository will make the toolset scale into a complex enterprise SOA environment. Of additional interest to SAP customers is its Optimize for SAP, an SAP process monitoring package based on its BAM tools. We expect webMethods' [recent] merger with Software AG to make it a stronger player in the market."

To look beyond vendor claims, AMR Research tasked each vendor with addressing a common supply chain scenario. Specific performance benchmarks and functionality requirements were established as the basis of scoring across seven key criteria: business process management, integration of development, registry and repository, services development, enterprise application services catalog, user interface development, and business activity monitoring. AMR Research also noted that the level of product suite integration as well as the support offered for diverse roles and multiple user groups were both major contributors to project success. webMethods Fabric received the top scores possible within five of seven categories. The complete evaluation is available for free download by visiting www.softwareag.com/amr

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“webMethods enjoys a strong reputation as a proven solution for real-world challenges. We’re honored by our performance within AMR Research’s recent analysis as these results reinforce the value that we can provide our customers,” said Dr. Peter Kürpick, Software AG’s executive board member with management responsibilities for the webMethods business line. “This report also reinforces the value of an integrated approach to SOA and BPM. Through the use of a fully-integrated product suite with comprehensive support for diverse user groups, we can accelerate project delivery while enabling more productive collaboration across multiple stakeholders.”

The “dose of reality” AMR Research refers to in the report is the real value that BPM offers within SOA implementations. The research firm’s underlying premise was that users of packaged applications, unlike those focused on custom development, were more reliant on BPM tools to tap into the full value of their enterprise systems. Using BPM as a component of SOA, these enterprises can create unique and differentiating business processes on top of the same software used by their competitors.

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Software AG’s 4,000 global customers achieve measurable business results by modernizing and automating their IT systems and rapidly building new systems to meet growing business demands. The company’s industry-leading product portfolio includes best-in-class solutions for managing data, enabling service oriented architecture, and improving business processes. By combining proven technology with industry expertise and best practices, our customers improve and differentiate their businesses - faster. Software AG has more than 35 years of global IT experience and 3,800 employees serving customers in 70 countries. The company is headquartered in Germany and listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (TecDAX, ISIN DE 0003304002 / SOW). Software AG posted total revenues of €483 million in 2006.

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