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JBoss BECOMES FIRST OPEN SOURCE APPLICATION SERVER TO ACHIEVE J2EE 1.4 COMPATIBILITY CERTIFICATION

JBoss 4.0's Aspect Orientation (AO) Framework Combines Simplicity of Standard Java with the Power of the J2EE Platform

ATLANTA—July 19, 2004—JBoss®, Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced that the JBoss Application Server has passed the Compatibility Test Suite for Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™) version 1.4. Sun's J2EE Compatibility Test Suite is the industry's only comprehensive test suite for assessing compatibility with the J2EE specifications, ensuring application portability and seamless interoperability of best-of-breed components that improve the quality and ROI of enterprise application development on Java.

"JBoss' compatibility certification is an important milestone in the effort to bring J2EE and open source together," said Marc Fleury, president and CEO of JBoss, Inc. "Built from the start to develop enterprise Java technology, J2EE compatibility strengthens JBoss' vision of Professional Open Source. Enterprise customers now have a J2EE-compatible open source alternative backed up with superior services from JBoss, Inc. to deliver the highest level of quality and reliability for achieving their business objectives."

The JBoss J2EE Founders Program was created in November 2003 to combine the resources of the large community involved in the JBoss open source project in an effort to achieve J2EE compatibility. Hardware for the testing was provided by Intel Corporation. Other industry leaders such as Borland Software Corporation, IONA, Atos Origin, Sonic Software, Unisys and webMethods also made significant commitments to moving forward JBoss and the vision of Professional Open Source.

"JBoss achieving full J2EE compatibility represents an enormous step forward for JBoss and open source software in the Enterprise Class customer market space," said Rob Wilkinson, director Java/J2EE program, Systems and Technology Division, Unisys Corporation, a member of the JBoss Founders Program. "An enterprise can now deploy the JBoss App Server with the certain knowledge that it is completely compatible with the J2EE standard and that applications

written to the standard will remain completely portable, a critical need for our customers. J2EE certification underscores JBoss' commitment to delivering professional quality in the open source market."

"Sun and JBoss are working closely to improve the J2EE specification and bring some of the dynamism of the open source development community to the J2EE market," said Karen Tegan, vice president of engineering at Sun Microsystems. "Customers demand the ability to migrate and manage their applications across various platforms, and we're pleased to see the JBoss Application Server achieve J2EE compatibility. The availability of the JBoss Application Server version 4.0, together with Sun's J2EE SDK and J2EE compatible solutions already available from other vendors provide customers with a variety of feature choices and price points that together support a broad range of application deployment needs."

JBoss 4.0 is the first version of the application server to be certified as J2EE compatible. JBoss is committed to future specifications, as evidenced by its active membership in the Java Community Process (JCP)SM and its participation in the Expert Group of the Enterprise JavaBeans (EJB) specification (JSR 220) currently developing EJB 3.0. With two years of aspect orientation (AO) research behind it, JBoss 4.0 enables middleware providers to deliver greatly simplified programming models to developers without sacrificing service capabilities, including object persistence, caching, acidity, remoteness, transactions and security. Entirely unique among Java-based application servers today, this architecture combines the simplicity of standard Java with the power of the J2EE platform.

The JBoss Application Server has been downloaded more than five million times since March 2001. To download the latest developer version of JBoss 4.0, please visit www.jboss.org/downloads/index. Free documentation, online forums and wikis are also available at www.jboss.org.

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