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## **ISS Group Extends BabelFish Solution Using the OpenSpirit SDK**

PERTH – June 14, 2010 –ISS Group announces that it has joined the OpenSpirit Business Partner Program and will use the OpenSpirit interoperability framework to enable users of its Web-based BabelFish™ solution to leverage data from multi-vendor applications and data stores included in a customer's operational environment. This alliance fully supports the goals outlined in the Microsoft Upstream Reference Architecture initiative and will provide users with a common methodology to refer to assets across both integration platforms.

Within the Microsoft Upstream Reference Architecture, BabelFish is well positioned as a master data dictionary and modeling solution for production data. By integrating with the OpenSpirit SDK, a user can access a common well identification system from concept through abandonment using one set of SDKs and a consistent reference structure. BabelFish is widely used by operational and management staff to collate data from field equipment, process control systems and management systems in near real time, or on a shift or ad-hoc basis. The ability to link directly to real-time operational systems and combine raw process data with business rules and management information makes the BabelFish and OpenSpirit integration a powerful operational intelligence and management system.

"By integrating with OpenSpirit, end users can now integrate operational data with their E&P data and workflows along with a unique Well Identifier that we will maintain throughout," says Grant Eggleton, Business Development Manager ISS Group. "Bringing together the OpenSpirit and BabelFish frameworks gives organizations full data access across their operations. Clients can directly access the data in context from systems that they are familiar with, including production systems and applications, geology, geophysics, and engineering platforms, with minimal effort."

Together, OpenSpirit and BabelFish begin to build on the possibilities envisioned from the Microsoft Upstream Reference Architecture initiative. Combining all of the supported systems across these frameworks gives oil company end users the flexibility and capability to bring together a complete intelligent oil field in one presentation layer. This combined offering is an ideal structural element to Integrated Operations and allows for the "asset" to be the focal point.

"BabelFish is one of the market leaders in linking operational systems, field equipment and management applications" says Dan Piette, President & CEO of OpenSpirit. "Combining this with the OpenSpirit tools extends the integration capabilities of the field of the future further than ever before for our mutual customers. We are excited to offer this capability to the market."

### **About ISS Group Limited**

ISS Group delivers software solutions to the global energy, minerals and manufacturing industries. ISS Group was established in 1995 and listed on the ASX in 2004. The Company has offices in Australia, US, Europe and Asia and has a blue chip client base including BG Group, BHP Billiton, Saudi Aramco, Woodside, Rio Tinto, Shell, BP, Petronas & British Energy. The company's flagship product BabelFish is a powerful interface through which companies can aggregate their many disparate real-time systems to provide a single holistic view of their complex processes and operations. ISS have recently added GIS capability to BabelFish. Please visit [www.issgroup.com.au](http://www.issgroup.com.au) for further information.

### **About OpenSpirit**

The OpenSpirit Corporation, based near Houston in Stafford, Texas, began operations in July 2000 as an independent software company focused on providing integration solutions for upstream applications and data.

The OpenSpirit application integration framework is installed worldwide in more than 450 sites and 300 companies. With a growing partner network of more than 55 partners with more than 40 OpenSpirit-enabled applications, OpenSpirit allows interoperability between multiple vendors' applications and data, enabling oil company end users in 65 countries to speed up critical workflows and enhance analysis in the geotechnical space. [www.openspirit.com](http://www.openspirit.com) or [info@openspirit.com](mailto:info@openspirit.com).

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