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NEW SENIOR BUSINESS UNIT DIRECTOR FOR SWORD FIRCO SOFT



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Paris, FRANCE, 26 August 2008 – Sword FircoSoft, the leading global provider of watchlist filtering solutions, today announced the appointment of Heribert Westerveld as senior business unit director for the company's French, US and UK operations with effect from September 1st, 2008.

Heribert brings to the company a wealth of experience in financial services, and more recently in watchlist filtering, where he has held a number of influential roles in Transaction Banking and Compliance over the past 11 years, with ABN AMRO Bank NV. Prior to this, Heribert was financial controller with Doens & Vermue NV and IT project leader with Adifo NV.

Commenting on his appointment, Heribert said: "I am looking forward to the challenges of my new role. I am committed to the growth and development of the organization to meet the needs of our fast-growing customer base. Sound solutions and high levels of service are essential for the financial sector to fight against money laundering."

Jean Losco, Technical Director, said: "I wish Heribert Westerveld a very warm welcome in his new role. I believe we have created a team able to deliver prime products and high-quality solutions to our customers."

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Sword Group (NYSE Euronext: FR0004180578 SWP) delivers high value business applications to organizations across regulated industries.

A global leader in the delivery of Governance, Risk and Compliance Management solutions, Sword's skills, infrastructure and experience help our customers improve performance, increase efficiencies and maximize return on investment.

Our flexible delivery options, including On Demand, Software as a Service (SaaS) and ASP, combined with our extensive industry expertise enables Sword to support our customers across insurance, healthcare, energy, banking & finance, telecoms, utilities, engineering & construction and government.

With operations in 37 countries, Sword today employs over 2000 people and in 2007 generated €179m in consolidated revenue. For more information, please visit www.sword-group.com

About Sword FircoSoft

Sword FircoSoft offers watchlist filtering solutions for international financial institutions. Over 335 institutions in more than 55 countries (representing over 650 sites) use Sword FircoSoft's watchlist filtering solutions which are multi-alphabet ready. Sword FircoSoft has been ranked #1 watchlist filtering solution since 2003 by Celent. For more information, please visit www.fircosoft.com.

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