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Joint press release

Move location in the cloud: Siemens IT Solutions and Services, Microsoft and Combionic present a new cloud showcase for simplified file management in public sector

At CeBIT 2011 in Hanover from March 1 to 5, visitors can witness the simplified process of relocating a company's registered headquarters with the help of cloud technologies. Siemens IT Solutions and Services, Microsoft Deutschland GmbH and Combionic are jointly presenting the new cloud service for the "Modern Government Workplace". For the model project, Microsoft is providing the concept and its Azure platform, Combionic is deploying its gateway technology including the interfaces for the Microsoft environment, and Siemens IT Solutions and Services is implementing the overall solution in the customers' system landscape.

The showcase represents a company moving its registered offices from Essen to Stuttgart. In doing so, all the documents filed in the commercial register also need to be relocated. Previously, all the documents had to be created manually and entered in the registers of the new authority responsible for the company – a process involving several steps.

Thanks to the cloud service, this process can now be accomplished in a single step – quickly and efficiently at the mere touch of a button: Both authorities responsible exchange the data via the cloud service. The one previously responsible for the company makes the documents available in the cloud in encrypted form, giving the new local authority direct access to the data and enabling them to handle the case immediately. The public administration cuts its operating and processing

costs considerably thanks to reduced effort in terms of personnel, communication and time, as well as less processing time for the local courts.

Apart from the concept for the "Modern Government Workplace", Microsoft also supplies the cloud-based Azure platform and enables the processes to be standardized and automated. Based on its gateway technology, Combionic is developing the required Office extensions, collaboration services and connectors to allow rapid integration of information from different sources and formats. Siemens IT Solutions and Services is contributing its expertise with electronic files to the joint project, implementing the workflow on the Azure platform and integrating the overall application.

The scenario offers visitors to the booth cloud computing for public administration that they can touch and feel. It also demonstrates the potential of this technology – among other things for electronic data exchange and central process control.

Combionic is a pioneer for the modern workplace. Its software connects people, processes and information in context and across applications. This in turn creates a significantly more productive, compliant, and user-driven working environment. Combionic is the recipient of a Microsoft Innovation award and collaborates closely with Microsoft on the development and implementation of the company's "Government Workplace Modernization" initiative. For further information, please visit us at: www.combionic.com.

Microsoft is the worldwide leader in standard software, services and solutions that help people and businesses of all industries and sizes realize their full potential. The development of all Microsoft products is focused on security and reliability, innovation and integration as well as openness and interoperability. One of Microsoft's integral business models is the provision of the portfolio via cloud computing. The company has invested more than \$1 billion in cloud computing over the last couple of years and is planning to continue to grow with cloud services.

Siemens IT Solutions and Services is a European based premium player providing state-of-the-art IT solutions and delivering outsourcing services with global reach. Within the IT service chain, the portfolio of Siemens IT Solutions and Services ranges from consulting, software deployment and system integration to the comprehensive management of IT infrastructures. Through profound industry know-how and beneficial innovations, the business technologists at Siemens IT Solutions and Services enable customers to transform their business processes on an ongoing basis. With a workforce of more than 32,000 employees Siemens IT Solutions and Services achieved revenues of some 4.2 billion euro in fiscal 2010, which ended on September 30, – over 75 percent of these revenues came from outside of Siemens. Further information at: www.siemens.com/it-solutions.

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