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JBoss, Inc. Upgrades Indemnification Coverage for JBoss Professional Open Source Software

*Continues Commitment to Make Open Source Safe for the Enterprise,
Offers Industry's Most Comprehensive Protection*

ATLANTA, Ga.—April 5, 2005—JBoss, Inc., the Professional Open Source company, announced today that it has augmented indemnification support for the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS). JBoss was one of the first open source companies to introduce indemnification in 2003 as part of its Professional Support Agreements. Now, JBoss is extending indemnification for support customers to *unlimited* coverage for defense, repair and replacements to protect intellectual property—giving enterprise customers further accountability and peace of mind for their open source JEMS deployments.

“Increasingly, the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System is becoming the platform of choice among enterprises for their business-critical applications. Customers that have made a commitment to JEMS and JBoss Professional Support Services deserve the same level of commitment from JBoss,” said Bob Bickel, vice president of strategy and corporate development, JBoss, Inc. “With this unprecedented enhancement to our existing indemnification support, we are making a clear and loud statement to the industry: JBoss is committed to its customers, JBoss stands behind its open source software and JBoss Professional Open Source is safe and ready for commercial use.”

Commercial software licensing contracts typically provide indemnification support, which covers any costs of an intellectual property claim to the customer. In contrast, the major open source licenses, including GPL, LGPL, Apache and BSD, do not support indemnification, largely to protect open source developers and hold them harmless from liability. JBoss has supported indemnification since 2003, when enterprise adoption of the JBoss Application Server accelerated and the company began expanding its product line. This new and unprecedented level of indemnification is now being offered as a safeguard for companies developing on JEMS. JBoss is committed to maintaining the integrity of its Professional Open Source model, has a thorough review cycle in place and openly publishes all its source code.

Existing customers with JBoss Professional Support at Gold or Platinum levels will have the upgraded indemnification coverage added to their contracts at no additional charge. Under the terms of JBoss, Inc.'s Professional Support Agreement, JBoss will, subject to certain conditions and limitations, provide unlimited defense against any threatened or pending legal action alleging that JBoss infringes any third party intellectual property right. The new coverage also includes unlimited repair or replacement of the software to ensure no intellectual property infringement. JBoss will pay any damage awards up to four times the value of the support contract.

In addition, JBoss Authorized Service Partners (JASPs) are also covered by the program. If they are reselling Gold- or Platinum-level JBoss support to their end users, they will have access to the same level of coverage. This makes it important for end users to ask their vendors who bundle JBoss products to make sure they are properly covered for indemnification by a JBoss, Inc. contract.

Support & Services

JBoss stands behind JEMS with quality support services delivered from the source—the technical experts who know the code base best. JBoss services include the training, consulting and professional support needed at every step of the application lifecycle, whether it be designing enterprise applications, testing proof of concept, deploying mission-critical applications or rolling out JBoss open source middleware across an entire organization. Support is available directly from JBoss or through the company's extensive network of authorized service partners. For more information, go to <http://www.jboss.com/services/index>.

About JBoss, Inc.

Through its Professional Open Source model, JBoss, Inc. is making open source a safe choice for the enterprise. JBoss provides resources, technology direction and core development for innovative open source projects and stands behind them with enterprise-grade support and services. These projects include JBoss Application Server, Hibernate, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Eclipse IDE and Apache Tomcat, which are core components of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS). Companies like Corporate Express, La Quinta Inns and Nielsen Media Research rely on JEMS for mission-critical enterprise applications. Partners who embed or bundle JEMS and resell JBoss services include Computer Associates, HP, Novell and Unisys. JBoss has headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and Neuchâtel, Switzerland. For additional information, please visit www.jboss.com.

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