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MICROSOFT GULF LAUNCHES BACKOFFICE SERVER FAMILY 4.5 AT COMEX '99 IN OMAN

New version server software reduces management complexity, brings simpler system implementation for gulf companies

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Microsoft Gulf today announced the regional launch of Microsoft® BackOffice® Server 4.5 family and Microsoft BackOffice Small Business Server 4.5, the integrated server suite optimised for the Windows NT® Server operating system, at Comex '99 in Muscat Oman. Microsoft is taking part in this through its Oman partner, OHI, a leading Microsoft reseller and solution provider.

BackOffice Server 4.5 simplifies the deployment, management and development of powerful software solutions for branch offices, departments and enterprise organisations. "This new release will bring powerful new advantages to BackOffice users in the Oman and Gulf today, including reductions in the complexity of the server systems they maintain," said Murad Lakhdar, product marketing manager at Microsoft Gulf. "It gives our customers the capability to spend more time being productive, and allows them to reduce the time they spend maintaining their server systems."

BackOffice Server 4.5 introduces new features for deploying consistent branch office or departmental systems, and a set of targeted BackOffice Server Manager consoles for assisting and easing common tasks encountered in administering and managing systems. BackOffice Server 4.5 delivers and integrates setup of the latest BackOffice family components and service packs, including Microsoft SQL Server™ 7.0, Systems Management Server 2.0 and Windows NT Server 4.0 Service Pack 4.

"Customers have told us they want to consolidate the number of server systems they are managing and reduce the complexity of administering those servers," said Haider Salloum, business systems division product manager at Microsoft Gulf. "BackOffice Server makes it easy to drop an integrated infrastructure or application server into a branch or department and then copy that machine's configuration throughout the organisation with a standardised management console for managing those servers. And that means saved time and reduced Total Cost of Ownership for users."

The Microsoft BackOffice family is a comprehensive set of integrated server products to run businesses of all sizes. The BackOffice family includes Microsoft BackOffice Small Business Server, BackOffice Server and the individual BackOffice applications. As businesses grow and demand more from their technology, they will find BackOffice products designed to meet their needs.

BackOffice Server is used today as a branch office standard in a number of leading banking, insurance and retail organisations in the Gulf, and reduces users' license administration costs by providing a single license for all of the components installed on a single server. Customers are free to use any or all of the following:

- Microsoft Windows NT Server 4.0
- Microsoft Proxy Server 2.0

- Microsoft Windows NT Option Pack (including Microsoft SNA Server 4.0, Internet Information Server 4.0, Microsoft Transaction Server 2.0 and Microsoft SQL Server 7.0,
- Microsoft Message Queue Server 1.0)
- Microsoft Site Server 3.0
- Microsoft Exchange Server 5.5
- Microsoft Systems Management Server 2.0
- BackOffice Server 4.5 also includes the following client software:
Outlook 2000 (Exchange

OR

- BackOffice Client Access License (required), FrontPage® 2000 Web site creation and management tool (single-user license), Visual InterDev™ Web development system version 6.0 (single-user license) and Seagate Crystal Info 6.0 (five-user license).

The BackOffice Client Access License, also updated with this release, reduces license administration costs by providing a single license for user access to any or all of the components in BackOffice Server 4.5, regardless of whether they are deployed as part of the BackOffice Server 4.5 suite or as standalone components.

Additional information on BackOffice Server, including a Web demonstration of new BackOffice Server 4.5 features, is available at the Microsoft Web site at <http://www.microsoft.com/backofficeserver/>

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