



Sage Achieves Oracle Database Ready Status

Sydney, 23 January 2011 – Sage has announced that Sage ERP X3 has achieved Oracle Database Ready status through Oracle PartnerNetwork (OPN), demonstrating that Sage has fully tested and supports Sage ERP X3 on Oracle Database 11g Release 2. Additionally, support for Oracle Database 11g Release 2 allows Sage to run its application databases on Oracle Database Appliance, providing them a simple, highly available, cost-effective solution for their critical business applications. Sage is a Gold level member of Oracle PartnerNetwork.

Sage is recognised by Oracle for developing, testing and tuning their applications on the latest engineered systems from Oracle^[1]. Oracle Database 11g Release 2 offers Sage industry leading performance, reliability and scalability to power the most demanding business critical applications. It also helps customers save money by lowering storage usage, reducing administration tasks, and enabling consolidation onto secure private database cloud environments.

By achieving Oracle Database Ready status, Sage has also demonstrated that Sage ERP X3 will effectively run with the Oracle Database Appliance. Oracle Database Appliance is a simple, reliable, affordable engineered system of software, servers, storage and networking that helps Oracle customers and partners save time and money by streamlining deployment, maintenance, and support of database workloads.

The test demonstrated that the installation of Sage ERP X3 application databases on the Oracle Database Appliance was done very easily and only took a few hours, where it can take days to perform the same installation on an equivalent clustered database configured manually, saving costs and increasing efficiency. Additional potential benefits to Sage ERP X3 customers include maximising productivity while reducing downtime, reducing or eliminating integration risk and flexibility for midsize companies with Oracle's "pay as you grow" licensing option*. With Oracle Database Ready status, Sage will receive access to corresponding Oracle branding, logos and related benefits to effectively differentiate their offerings in the market.

Christophe Letellier, CEO of Sage ERP X3 commented, "The successful testing of Sage ERP X3 on Oracle Database 11g Release 2 and with the Oracle Database Appliance means that we can offer medium companies a simpler, faster to deploy and more cost effective option. The "pay as you grow" model is specifically targeted at companies that need a flexible way of scaling up as they increase their database requirements. We believe the combination of benefits with flexible licensing will be very attractive to our existing and new customers."

"By achieving an Oracle Database Ready status, companies such as Sage demonstrate that their solution can efficiently run on the world's leading database – Oracle Database 11g Release 2 – as well as with the Oracle Database Appliance. This gives customers confidence that their application database is running on a highly available infrastructure that will operate as promised," said Chris Baker, Senior Vice President, Worldwide ISV and OEM Sales. "By achieving Oracle Database Ready status, Sage has the ability to leverage a complete, cost-effective foundation for their application database, allowing them to reduce maintenance cost and complexity."

Sage ERP X3 V6.3 is already available on Oracle Database 11g Release 2.

*For more information about the flexible licensing options, please go to <http://oracle.com/partners/en/opn-program/oracle-exastack-ready-411632.html>

(1) including Oracle Exadata Database Machine, Oracle Exalogic Elastic Cloud and the Oracle Database Appliance

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About the Oracle Exastack Program

The Oracle Exastack program helps enable Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) and other members of Oracle PartnerNetwork (OPN) to rapidly build and deliver faster, more reliable applications. Leveraging the Oracle Exastack Program, qualifying OPN members have access to Oracle performance experts and dedicated labs for testing and tuning their applications on Oracle Exadata Database Machine and Oracle Exalogic Elastic Cloud. Customers can be confident when selecting Oracle Exastack Optimised applications that they have been tested and tuned to achieve optimal

performance, scalability and reliability. Also part of the program, Oracle Exastack Ready is dedicated to helping ISVs run their solutions on the latest major release of Oracle Exadata Database Machine, Oracle Exalogic Elastic Cloud and their component products, including Oracle Database, Oracle WebLogic Server, Oracle Solaris, Oracle Linux and Oracle VM. These products provide partners with a lower cost and high performance infrastructure for database and application workloads across on-premise and cloud based environments. To find out more, visit <http://www.oracle.com/partners/goto/exastack>

About Oracle PartnerNetwork

Oracle PartnerNetwork (OPN) Specialised is the latest version of Oracle's partner program that provides partners with tools to better develop, sell and implement Oracle solutions. OPN Specialised offers resources to train and support specialised knowledge of Oracle products and solutions and has evolved to recognise Oracle's growing product portfolio, partner base and business opportunity. Key to the latest enhancements to OPN is the ability for partners to differentiate through Specialisations. Specialisations are achieved through competency development, business results, expertise and proven success. To find out more, visit <http://www.oracle.com/partners/partners> .

About Sage ERP X3

Sage ERP X3 is a dedicated solution for mid-market and larger companies with international demands that enables its clients to transform and perform through technologies. 3,300 customers representing over 180,000 users worldwide have already chosen Sage ERP X3 because it is easy to use, fast to deploy and cost effective. For over 10 years Sage ERP X3 has been a proven and comprehensive ERP solution addressing mid-market company's specific requirements and challenges in industries from manufacturing and services to distribution and many more. Sage ERP X3 has presence in 55 countries and counts a network of more than 1,800 Sage professionals and 220 partners in its ecosystem.

About Sage Business Solutions

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