PRESS RELEASE
IDS Scheer expands ARIS platform to support BPMN 2.0

- ARIS Platform is one of the first software products on the market to support Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) 2.0 from the Object Management Group (OMG).
- Free software ARIS Express provides BPMN 2.0 support for beginners.

Darmstadt and Saarbruecken, Germany, May 18th, 2010 - IDS Scheer, the top international provider of business process management (BPM) solutions, continues to promote open standards by supporting the BPMN 2.0 modeling language for process models, and highlights its leading position and methodology.

With the release of its Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) 2.0 Beta version, the Object Management Group (OMG)—a computer industry consortium that works to develop standards for non-proprietary cross-platform object-oriented programming—has taken the next step toward the future of modeling notation. Users can describe business processes and workflows in different BPMN models with the help of semantic elements. New features include a standardized export format and mapping to other XML-based software products. Executing BPMN process models in workflow and process engines is yet another improvement. For the first time, special models for collaborative processes support representing cross-functional and departmental processes within a company.

IDS Scheer has supported BPMN in its ARIS product line since the notation's initial release and is updating its products to the newest BPMN 2.0 specifications. This places all the leading notations for describing business processes and workflows such as event-driven process chains (EPC), value chains, BPMN and UML at the ARIS user's fingertips. Business and technical processes modeled in ARIS can be seamlessly transferred and implemented in execution platforms such as Software AG's webMethods BPMS.

ARIS Express for beginners, available free of charge at http://www.ariscommunity.com/aris-express, has also been expanded to include BPMN and contains models and objects to describe processes using this method. All content generated there can be used and edited later with professional ARIS platform products. The ARIS Community offers a series of free BPMN sample models and a forum moderated by BPMN experts.

Executive Board member Dr. Wolfram Jost (responsible for products and development) states:
"By supporting the latest BPM notation, IDS Scheer is demonstrating its defined approach to market leadership as a key player in the BPM market. For our customers, this offers investment security for the future and the certainty that IDS Scheer and ARIS will remain their reliable partners. We are further ensuring that processes defined by different departments are also implemented on the IT side, which in turn helps companies improve their performance and flexibility."

About IDS Scheer

IDS Scheer is part of the Software AG Group and a leading provider of Business Process Management (BPM) software, solutions and services for corporations and public organizations worldwide. With the ARIS Platform for Process Excellence, the company offers an integrated, comprehensive solution portfolio for the strategy, design, implementation and controlling of business processes; allowing companies to continuously improve their overall business performance. Utilizing the ARIS Value Engineering (AVE) approach, IDS Scheer consultants bridge the gap between corporate strategy, business processes, IT solutions and process controlling

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