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Launch of new database enhances ValueLink's services

ValueLink Information Services, the specialised provider of validated financial data and valuation services to institutions in the UK and other major international centres, has launched a new database management system 'Eclipse'.

Using state of the art database technology, Eclipse represents a step change in the power of ValueLinks' systems. It will enable them to run enhanced validation routines, to provide greater flexibility in the tailoring of its services to specific client requirements, and to expedite the file generation process. The process of integrating client specific validation rules, data cleansing and validation will accelerate ensuring the continued timely delivery of accurate data files.

The enhanced functionality to take a direct feed from The London Stock Exchange and ability to take feeds from additional sources and global exchanges, will increase the capacity for direct comparison of data feeds from multiple sources on individual instruments within the database. This will ensure the accuracy and quality of the validation process is continually maintained.

Eclipse will enable ValueLink to continue to provide a flexible range of services adapted to their clients' ever changing requirements. The capabilities of Eclipse will ensure the continued development to the quality of client defined financial data, assuring ValueLink's forefront position as the supplier of client specific validated financial data.

The additional capacity of Eclipse will enable greater retention of data allowing ValueLink to offer a new range of products including shares in issue, standing data and historical data. ValueLink is also planning to introduce a web based browser as an additional support to its products.

Eclipse, a Microsoft based system, is the completion of a two year project developed in house. The database behind Eclipse is the Microsoft SQL 2000, chosen for its renowned high speed performance, immense database threshold and its ability to offer the highest level of security available in the industry. Eclipse utilises the latest compact clustering solution.

Stephen Choate, Chief Executive said:

"The launch of Eclipse is part of ValueLink's ongoing strategy as a service provider to develop the quality, accuracy and timeliness of our range of products to our growing international client base. Eclipse will give us the flexibility and capacity to offer a wider range of services, including standing data, historic data and a web based browser, that will compliment the tailored services we currently provide. ValueLink will continue to invest in database and communication technology to continue to be competitive and meet the ever changing demands of an increasingly global market place."

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