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IBM Premier Business Partner Meridian IT Inc. Announces Availability of its IBM Unified Communications & Collaboration Center of Excellence

LOTUSPHERE, ORLANDO, FL. January 19, 2009 – Meridian IT Inc., a Meridian Group International, Inc. company, announced here today the immediate availability of its Unified Communications and Collaboration (UC²) Center of Excellence.

The Meridian UC² Center of Excellence was created in response to clients' needs for a single source of expertise to integrate disparate communications and collaboration systems and teams.

"Independent systems and teams create obstacles to organizational efficiency, productivity and process improvements," said Jeff Anderson, Director of Brand Strategy at Meridian IT Inc. "Organizations have been hesitant to move forward with UC solutions due to the risk associated with the lack of internal expertise required to integrate these technologies. Meridian created the UC² Center of Excellence to address our clients' needs for this expertise.

Meridian's Center of Excellence can eliminate this risk and allow organizations to maximize the value of the technology they already have. Meridian offers IBM unified communications & collaboration expertise around solutions from Cisco, Avaya, 3Com, Polycom and others.

Using IBM Lotus Sametime as the foundational bridge between a client's voice and video environments, Meridian extends the unified experience to IBM Lotus Quickr, IBM Lotus Connections, IBM Mashup Center, IBM Lotus Notes and Domino, and IBM WebSphere Portal.

As an international systems integrator with offices on three continents, Meridian Group operates two IBM Business Partner Innovation Centers. These centers allow customers to experience IBM's latest software solutions, along with voice, video and data solutions from Avaya, Cisco, 3Com, Polycom, HP, EMC and others. Offering customers 30 years' IT experience, Meridian, as a certified top-level partner with providers of solutions for the unified communications and collaboration environment, meets the technology, integration, consulting and service needs of today's enterprises.

About Meridian Group International, Inc.:

Meridian Group is an international IT solutions and leasing provider headquartered in Deerfield, Illinois and provides complete and effective technology solutions to both large and small businesses, representing a wide variety of industries. Meridian Group includes a commanding collection of companies (MAC Source Communications, Meridian IT Inc., Meridian Leasing, Meridian IT Limited and Tardis) that share similar ideologies and complementary IT business offerings. Meridian's innovative technology ensures the availability of business information so customers can increase productivity, reduce costs and satisfy service level and compliance requirements. Meridian has enjoyed 30 years of continuous profitability now employing 500 in 33 offices throughout the United States, U.K., Germany and Australia.

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