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Drummond Group Launches Sixth ebMS Interop in September

Adoption Grows for ebMS—Interoperability Certification Critical

Fort Worth, TX—July 17, 2006—Drummond Group Inc. (DGI) today announced plans for the sixth ebXML Messaging Service (ebMS) interoperability certification this fall. Interoperability certification assures software customers that products meet the standard and work together, thereby reducing implementation time and enabling product choice by features and price.

ebMS 2.0 is an important standard that enables secure and reliable internet data interchange and is complementary to emerging Service Oriented Architectures (SOAs).

ebMS adoption is growing in the automobile sector, as well as in the U.S. public health industry, major government projects in the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and Norway and energy trading applications across the European Union. In DGI's ebMS 2005 test round, seven software companies demonstrated their products' interoperability and were certified.

"Interoperability certification is one of the critical catalysts for the adoption of ebMS v2.0," said Rik Drummond, DGI's CEO. "Industry users understand the link between trusted B2B communications and software certification: Software products have fewer bugs and interoperate more smoothly."

For more information on the upcoming ebMS interop and other certifications, please contact Yoko Nakagawa at: yoko@drummondgroup.com

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