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I.R.I.S. receives international IBM Beacon Award for Outstanding Virtualization and Consolidation Solution

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Out of 600 nominations submitted from 45 different countries, I.R.I.S. ICT was awarded the **IBM Beacon Award for Outstanding Virtualization and Consolidation Solution**. This award is a major recognition from IBM worldwide, of the outstanding technical excellence and of the innovative solutions provided by I.R.I.S. ICT, based on IBM products and services.

The award was announced at the Information on Demand Conference (IOD) in Rome, Italy, on 18 May, 2010.

Awarded annually since 2000, the IBM PartnerWorld Beacon Awards recognize IBM Business Partners for their technical excellence and innovative solutions based on IBM products and services. Beacon winners were selected by leading industry journalists, analysts, and IBM executives for the 21 award areas as leaders who focus on deep skills and solutions. Only 5 European companies got an award, next to others from the United States, India, Israel, Brazil and Thailand.

"The IBM Beacon Awards recognize an elite group of IBM Business Partners that have delivered unique, innovative solutions which set new standards for business excellence and customer satisfaction," said Rich Hume, general manager, IBM Global Business Partners. *"Their commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction, combined with their specialized skills in IBM technology, enables these Business Partners to lead the way in delivering winning solutions for organizations worldwide."*

Gamal Khaldi, Managing Director, I.R.I.S. ICT: *"As Beacon awards are awarded after a very tough competition with companies from all over the world, and selected by a high-level jury, I feel very proud that the skills of our people, and the innovative expertise and solutions we bring to our customers, were recognized by IBM worldwide."*

About I.R.I.S. ICT

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The group achieved over 100 million euro in sales during FY2009, and employs more than 600 highly skilled people, spread over branches in Louvain-la-Neuve, Vilvoorde and Antwerp (Belgium), Orly (France), Windhof (Luxembourg), Amstelveen and Maastricht (Netherlands), Aachen (Germany), Delray Beach (Florida, United States), Hong Kong (China) and Oslo (Norway).