- E.BISCOM GROUP AGREEMENT FOR ASP SERVICES -

e.Biscom chooses Antex to enhance its services offer

Antex human resources management software available on B2Biscom's eBixtrade.it portal

Milan, 28 May 2001 – B2Biscom, the e.Biscom group company that specialises in B2B e-commerce project development and Application Service Provisioning, today announced an agreement with Antexonline, the company that Web-enables the knowhow and competencies of the Antex group, Italy's leading provider of human resources management services. The agreement will enhance B2Biscom's offer of ASP software solutions and online services on its business-to-business portal, eBixtrade.it.

B2Biscom's ASP offer allows companies to use software tools without the high initial outlay for licences and hardware, simply by accessing the eBixtrade.it portal. In other words, ASP is the software equivalent of services outsourcing.

Through the partnership with Antexonline, B2Biscom will now be able to flank the business accounting software it already offers on eBixtrade.it with a variety of online services for human resources management, including payroll management and completion of tax returns. It will shortly be adding a number of other services, such as facsimiles of letters and circulars for routine personnel management, updates on new legislation, administrative due dates.

"The agreement with Antexonline means we can extend the ASP software offer on eBixtrade.it and so create further value for companies using our services," said B2Biscom Chief Executive Officer Giuseppe Caruso. "I believe online personnel administration support can help businesses simplify HR management procedures and cut costs. We shall soon also be enhancing our ASP offer with an Office Automation solution."

"Thanks to this agreement, companies can now outsource personnel administration or make use of online consultancy services, with a cost-effectiveness ratio that would have been impossible only a few months ago," said Antexonline Chairman Umberto Signorini. "Our ASPs give enterprises real-time access to information, competencies, management and operating tools that leverage the superior expertise Antex has built up in more than forty years of activity in personnel administration."

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Formed in April 2000, B2Biscom operates as an integrated partner to support B2B e-commerce needs. Its services offer includes marketplace development, supply of technology and consultancy to help customers develop their own marketplaces, and supply of software as an ASP. Through the B2Lab unit, B2Biscom also acts as a technological-operational investor on vertical markets. It employs more than 100 specialised professionals on technology, consultancy and project management. It is 99.8% owned by e.Biscom and 0.2% by management.
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Formed in 1962, Antex is Italy's leading provider of human resources management services.
It has built up a series of consolidated outsourcing methodologies and been involved in major developments on the Italian labour market, for example in drawing up collective employment contracts and national trade union agreements. It also lobbied successfully for the introduction of legislation on temporary employment.
In response to new market trends and developments in communication and information systems, in 2000 Antex formed Antexonline. Over the last 16 months, Antexonline has been defining technologies and methods to adapt the knowhow and professional skills acquired in 40 years to the new information and communication technology scenario.
Today, with approximately 200 employees and solid partnership ties, Antex is poised to play a leading role in the Internet economy with a broad range of outsourcing and consultancy services.
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