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## News from Aon

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### **Aon Moves to Boost Connection to its Electronic Messaging Platform** – *Aon appoints certified technology suppliers to help trading partners connect to Aon Broking Connections*

**London** – 17 February 2005 – Aon Limited, the UK's largest insurance broking and risk management company, has certified the SOAP<sup>1</sup> gateway products of three technology suppliers - Innovation Process Technology (IPT), Brixlogic, in partnership with Sun Microsystems, and Web Connectivity - who can provide a simple, cost effective solution to help connect trading partners to its electronic messaging platform, Aon Broking Connections (ABC).

Many insurance companies are eager to reduce costs and time by conducting insurance business electronically but may lack the necessary resources, skills or budget to build their own electronic gateway to ABC. Aon has worked closely with leading specialist providers IPT, Brixlogic-Sun and Web Connectivity to ensure that their solutions will allow insurers to get the full benefits of connecting to ABC without incurring high license or implementation costs. Each of the certified solutions has been assessed to ensure its compliance to the ACORD industry messaging standards and its compatibility with the ABC platform.

Anne Boden, chief information officer of Aon Limited, said: "The appointment of three certified technology suppliers represents the next significant phase in the development of Aon Broking Connections (ABC). Insurers keen to use ABC, but who might not have sufficient resources, skills or budget, now have an easily accessible and cost effective solution to enable them to conduct business with Aon electronically. This can only be good news in the drive to harness the efficiencies that technology can bring to the insurance marketplace."

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<sup>1</sup> SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) The standard for web services messages.

## Notes to editors

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**Aon Broking Connections** gives all Aon's insurance trading partners the opportunity to connect electronically to Aon, allowing all data for marketing, placement, contract confirmation, accounting & settlement and claims to be delivered using ACORD XML messages.

**IPT** (Innovation Process Technology) are based in Switzerland and have clients in financial services, transport and logistics & telecommunications sectors. Their **iVamp** product provides a standards-based messaging service to enable business partners to collaborate over the internet.

**Brixlogic** are headquartered in San Mateo, California and have clients in financial services industry segments including ATMs and payments, retail banking, capital markets and insurance. Their **XML Services Builder** enables clients to start small and grow, from a single XML Service adapter to a complete service-oriented architecture.

**Web Connectivity** are based in London and have insurers and brokers as clients. Their **EnabledB2B** messaging product can send and receive messages in accordance with data standards defined in different industry sectors.

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