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**European System Builders and VARs Honor IT Vendors
at IT ChannelVision Europe Fall 2005 Event**

Egham, UK, 28 September, 2005 — Eastern Europe's premier System Builders joined Value-Added Resellers (VARs) and Value-Added Distributors (VADs) from across Europe to recognize vendor companies for their technology innovation and market strategies at the "Best of IT ChannelVision Europe Awards"™ held during the IT ChannelVision Fall 2005 Event, 20 – 22 September at the Princesa Sofia Gran Hotel in Barcelona, Spain.

IT ChannelVision Europe incorporates the successful System Builder Summit Europe event with an expanded focus on VAR markets. Top level reseller executives from over 15 European countries attended the event to preview and evaluate the latest technology and programs from a broad range of Vendor companies. The awards program is the culmination of the IT ChannelVision Europe business agenda that facilitates partnerships in the IT channel by bringing system builders, VARs and VADs together with vendors in boardroom presentations, private one-on-one meetings and European Premiere presentations.

"These awards reflect the constant growth and evolution of the IT marketplace in both Eastern and Western Europe," said Eric Lesonsky, Global Senior Director, IT ChannelVision. "They are particularly significant because the award winners are determined by the system builders and VARs who are the market leaders in the most important sectors and regions of the European channel."

The winners of the "Best of IT ChannelVision Europe Awards" were as follows:

Best System Builder Product/Solution - Hitachi

Best VAR Product/Solution - Xirrus

Best System Builder Marketing Program/Promotion – Hitachi

Best VAR Channel Strategy - Kaspersky

Best System Builder Presentation - Sony

Best VAR Presentation – Hitachi

For further information on the “Best of IT ChannelVision Awards” or IT ChannelVision Europe Spring scheduled for 25-27 April, 2006 at The Grimaldi Forum in Monte Carlo, Monaco, please contact Lindsey Smart at +1 603-471-4274 or visit our Web site at www.itchannelvision.com/europe. IT ChannelVision Europe is produced by Vision Events®, a Gartner, Inc. (NYSE: IT and ITB) company.

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