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Xcalia[®] Announces the Availability of the Xcalia Intermediation Platform[™] 4.0

*Provides Dynamic Service-Oriented Integration to Compose
Transactional Applications*

Paris, France – October 10, 2005 – Xcalia, a leading provider of intermediation software to create dynamic transactional composite applications, today announced the availability of the Xcalia Intermediation Platform (XIP) on a global scale with new open source components. The Platform combines legacy, mainframe and database resources with web services to dynamically integrate and orchestrate application business processes. As a critical requirement for implementing SOA, it uses metadata to describe services and automatically executes transactions at runtime. XIP allows enterprises to quickly respond to changing business requirements and eliminates the need for costly manual integration.

The Platform features the Xcalia Intermediation Core[™] (XIC) at its foundation that includes Xcalia's innovative dynamic business process orchestration and metadata technology. It sits between the business and data layers to align business processes with applications, manage ongoing data and service interaction, and automatically update business processes. It contains a single, reusable, metadata-based repository for consistent, transparent, standards-based access to any source, both database-oriented to service-oriented.

First introduced in Europe in June 2005, today's product announcement includes the availability of the Xcalia Application Environment[™] (XAE) a collection of open source

components from ObjectWeb that come standard with XIP. XAE was designed for customers looking to reduce the cost and complexity of deploying applications by eliminating the need to implement additional servers, middleware or databases. For those customers who wish to leverage their existing IT resources instead of the packaged open source components, XIC can be implemented as a standalone solution that integrates easily with existing commercial application servers and other infrastructure components.

With the advent of SOA, products that make it easier to compose applications that work with both service and data resources are in high-demand. In a recent report by Gartner titled *Data Services: The Intersection of Data Integration and SOA*, analysts recommend that "Data integration technology vendors must begin to service-enable their products to support the delivery of data services. This means that the tools have to support the construction of granular data services, and the architecture of the tools themselves must become service-oriented so that the tools can more easily interoperate with other tools in the environment. This will require an expansion of metadata capabilities; modularization of various aspects of functionality; and an increase in agility, for example, developing the capability for the tools to dynamically modify their behavior at runtime, based on the specific requirements of service consumers and the metadata that describes data location and quality".

Gartner has it right; between 70 and 80 percent of business-critical information is stored in legacy and mainframe systems with heterogenous data types. This data, particularly high-volume transactional, is difficult to access and doing so is extremely costly since it requires highly skilled programmers and custom code. "Xcalia makes it easier for enterprises to access and reuse this valuable data in new dynamic composite applications while preserving their transactional capabilities" said Pierre Violo, CEO of Xcalia. "We believe intermediating data and services at the business layer and dynamically orchestrating business processes are essential practices for success in the emerging SOA world".

Lastly, Xcalia has made service-oriented integration even easier with the introduction of a collection of Xcalia Mappers™ that access heterogenous data and service resources to compose transactional applications. Xcalia Data Mappers are included with XIP and are available for the following data types, Relational, ODBMS, and XML. Xcalia Service Mappers are optional components that easily extend XIP to work with

a variety of service resources. These include Mappers for Components, Web Services, Mainframe, JMS, Packaged Applications, JCA, and other Extensions.

About Xcalia

Xcalia provides intermediation software to create dynamic transactional composite applications. The Xcalia Intermediation Platform™ combines legacy, mainframe and database resources with web services to dynamically integrate and orchestrate application business processes. As a critical requirement for implementing SOA, it uses metadata to describe services and automatically executes transactions at runtime. Xcalia allows enterprises to quickly respond to changing business requirements and eliminates the need for costly manual integration. Xcalia, founded in 2000, is powering high-volume transactional environments in over 50 companies. Headquartered in Paris, France, it has offices in the US, UK, and Germany. The company is privately held. For more on Xcalia, visit www.xcalia.com.

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