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Sapphire Client Shortlisted for Accountancy Age Award

CPM (UK) Ltd makes shortlist for the "Finance Team of the Year 2005"

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LONDON, UK – 30 Sept 2005. Sapphire today announced that the Finance Team at CPM (UK) Ltd have been formally recognised for their work on the P.R.A.D.A Project (paperless retrieval approval and document archive) by being shortlisted for the prestigious "Finance Team of the Year" Award. The Award Ceremony, hosted by Accountancy Age, takes place in Battersea Park on 9 November 2005.

The P.R.A.D.A solution enables the team to automate the invoice authorisation approval process by integrating into their SunSystems Accounting solution. This allows the finance team to gain faster payment approvals from their invoice authorisers, instantly view all current and archived finance documents, reduce rekeying and eradicate much of the need to manage internal paper-based documentation. Further, as P.R.A.D.A features an inbuilt document audit trail, it has also helped CPM to comply with the stringent requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley regulations.

Deena McIntyre, CPM's Project Manager adds "We estimate that the P.R.A.D.A Project gives us an annual saving of some 400% in terms of processing finance documents. What's more, it has contributed greatly to us saving ancillary processing costs. The whole finance team were involved from the inception of the project to it's final roll-out across the business... and I am delighted that the entire team have received this accolade for their efforts in helping in the design and management of this system."

Jon Ryder, Sapphire Account Manager adds "This is a fantastic endorsement of the hard work that went into this project. CPM is known within their industry for offering their clients progressive and innovative solutions that help increase their brand value and drive sales and, by adopting the philosophy for innovation internally, the finance team have demonstrated how SunSystems can be extended and enhanced to successfully serve the greater needs of the business".

Ian Gibson, implementation partner at TSL continues "Document management is often a neglected part of implementing a financial system - yet by integrating SunSystems with a document management solution, CPM have demonstrated that you can achieve huge cost savings and gain significant business efficiencies within a relatively short timeframe."

Harriet Stapleton, CPM's Finance Director concludes: "P.R.A.D.A is delivering exactly what the business needs – a secure, easy to use system that can be accessed real-time by our users - anywhere in the world. It's speeding up our authorisation processes, saving us money on paper and ancillary processing costs and helping us to meet the strict compliance regulatory controls of Sarbanes-Oxley. The whole Finance Team have worked tremendously hard on making P.R.A.D.A a reality. Their success is a testament to the team spirit displayed by all members of the finance team during the project - and the way in which they pulled together to ensure the project's completion."

Notes to Editors:

About CPM (UK) Ltd

Delivering over 80,000 face-to-face, 100,000 phone and 20,000 web contacts for its clients each week, CPM is the UK and Europe's leading customer acquisition and management company. Established in 1936, its heritage lies in field marketing although it now also offers a comprehensive number of contact solutions, both within the retail sector and direct to client's end consumers.

Globally, CPM has some 5,000 clients – a list that includes some of the world's largest household names and includes: Asda, Kelloggs, Nokia, Nike, Masterfoods, Microsoft, Gillette and GlaxoSmithKline to name just a few! CPM are part of the Omnicom Group Inc – an \$9 billion industry giant that provides marketing, advertising and corporate communication services to thousands of companies worldwide.

About Sapphire Systems plc

Sapphire Systems plc is the global leading SunSystems Channel Partner. Since 1986, Sapphire has offered clients wide-ranging practical expertise in selecting and implementing advanced financial accounting and business management solutions. Sapphire was originally founded in 1986 and today provides software, services, support and advice from their offices in London and Manchester to some 450 customers worldwide.

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Transaction Services Limited (TSL) is a specialist software and services company offering electronic document management and workflow solutions for customers who require access to documents via their existing systems such as Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), Finance, Human Resources and other administrative systems. TSL are based in the East Midlands, and serve customers and partners throughout the UK and the Republic of Ireland.