FIRST MoReq2 COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE ANNOUNCED;
MoReq2 ROADMAP MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCED

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At the **DMS Expo** in Cologne (Germany), Toivo Jullinen, Chairman of the EU-sponsored DLM Forum, a European community of Information and Records Management experts from both the public and private sector, today presented Mr Karl Mayrhofer of Fabasoft AG of Linz, Austria, with the Certificate of Compliance to mark the successful testing of MoReq2, the European specification for Electronic Records Management.

Toivo Jullinen, Head of Strategic Planning, National Archives of Estonia, and Chairman of the **DLM Forum**, commented: "On behalf of the Executive Committee of the DLM Forum, we are delighted that all the hard work carried out over the past three years to develop the MoReq2 specification has resulted in the first certification of a product. I would like to congratulate Fabasoft for taking the initiative and offer our thanks to imbus for completing the testing of the first MoReq2 certified product."

"The DLM Forum today also announces the development of the MoReq2 Roadmap for the maintenance and development of MoReq2. We invite other government and commercial organisations, regulators and vendors to adopt the MoReq2 specification, and join the DLM Forum community to be informed of the latest developments and best practice records and information management across Europe; and the related certified suppliers."

For **Inforesight Limited**, Director Marc Fresko commented "As leader of the MoReq2 development team and member of the MoReq Governance Board, I am thrilled at this major milestone. The Information Management community in Europe is now truly positioned to benefit from the best practice standards-based approach MoReq2 offers to all. The road is now open for other software vendors to follow Fabasoft's lead, and the announcement of the Roadmap means the future direction of MoReq is clear, open, and assured."

Karl Mayrhofer, CEO of **Fabasoft** Distribution said: "We at Fabasoft AG are proud to be the first company to receive compliance with MoReq2 specifications, which demonstrates our commitment to providing the latest electronic records management products in Europe."

The testing for compliance was carried out by the first DLM Forum-approved testing authority, **imbus** AG of Möhrendorf, Germany, from whom Thomas Rumi, (Managing Consultant, Testing Service, Lead of the imbus TestCenter) commented: "Imbus is pleased to have completed the first successful testing of the MoReq2 specification and we look forward to working with other major vendors that seek to gain compliance with this exciting new specification for electronic records management across Europe."

The representative and observer for the **European Commission** on the DLM Forum Executive Committee, Jef Schram, added these words: "On behalf of the EU, which provided initial financing for the development of the MoReq2 specification, we are delighted that the first certified product has been tested and certified. The European Commission continues to support MoReq and looks forward to further involvement with the DLM Forum in this crucial part of the EU's plans to advance best practice in electronic information management in the future".

Representatives of the Europe-wide National Archives across the EU have welcomed this development. Richard Blake, Senior Manager Public Sector Team at **The National Archives** commented: "We welcome these announcements which will encourage a wider adoption of electronic records management through the MoReq2 programme." Dr. Michael Hollmann of the **Bundesarchiv** added: "The German Bundesarchiv as member of the DLM Forum supports the MoReq2 initiative and congratulates Fabasoft on obtaining the first MoReq2 certification."

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BACKGROUNDER AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the DLM Forum?

Created by an initiative of the European Commission, the DLM Forum is a community of Public Archives and interested parties in archive, records and document and information lifecycle management throughout the European Union. See http://www.dlmforum.eu/

The DLM Forum's history dates back to 1991. The DLM Forum and has held major international conferences since 1996, as well as members' meetings twice a year, in the European country that holds the EU presidency. The next meeting will be in November.

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What is MoReq2?

As users, regulators, IT managers and records managers across Europe seek to meet emerging requirements for information compliance, MoReq2 provides a specification to help them acquire the most complete and tested electronic records management systems (ERMS), efficiently, effectively, and transparently.

The MoReq specification supersedes previous fragmented approaches across different countries in Europe. It describes model requirements for the management of electronic records. MoReq2 contains a model of how files and records relate to each other within the context of a classification scheme, and, significantly, it can be applicable to both electronic (digital), and physical (paper) records.

MoReq2 was published in 2008. It is the most sophisticated and advanced model specification for ERMS available anywhere; and it is specifically developed to apply throughout the European Union, in the public and private sectors alike. It includes a comprehensive Testing Framework, that allows testing of software for MoReq2 compliance.

MoReq2 was designed with practicality in mind. It does not specify a particular ERMS, instead it outlines the essential elements an ERMS should have to ensure that records are properly managed, can be accessed at all times, are retained for as long as they are needed and are properly dealt with of once the retention period has expired.

Any organisation that implements an ERMS based on the requirements of MoReq2 can be assured that its records will be properly managed.

What is the MoReq2 Roadmap?

The MoReq2 Roadmap is a programme of maintenance and upgrades that will be carried out by the DLM Forum, to maintain, update and manage the MoReq2 specification. The Roadmap reflects the feedback from National Archives, other users, vendors, the testing body and developers, and will be managed by the MoReq2 Governance Board, part of the DLM Forum.

How can I find out more about MoReq2 and the DLM Forum

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