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Leading global bank to use Aperture VISTA to visually manage its data centers worldwide

Stamford, CT – July 23, 2007 - Aperture Technologies, Inc., the leading global provider of software for managing the physical infrastructure of data centers, has been selected by HSBC Holdings plc to provide its enterprise software solution Aperture VISTA 500. This software will be used to enable better capacity planning and management of the HSBC data center operations worldwide.

Aperture VISTA 500 enables organizations to visually manage the complex physical environment of the data center. VISTA is designed to help organizations with their capacity planning and utilization. For example, organizations can see all infrastructure variables at a glance, including space, power, cooling, network, and storage, to keep the data center at peak efficiency.

HSBC has 22 data centers in 10 countries, supporting 312,000 staff and 125 million customers. Implementation of VISTA 500 will begin this year and is expected to be complete worldwide by 2009.

Edward Case, a Senior Business Consultant with the Global Data Center Services organization at HSBC, said: "Having accurate, consistent and readily available knowledge of your data center inventory and what you have running where, together with your power, cooling and space capacity is not easy to achieve. VISTA will provide a central repository, so we can see this information both on a data center basis and globally. VISTA will also bring consistency to our processes for managing data centers. For anyone who needs to understand what is consuming resources in the data center, VISTA is an important tool."

William T Clifford, CEO of Aperture, said: "The physical infrastructure of the data center is becoming increasingly complex. For organizations that want to keep centers running at peak efficiency, who have centers nearing capacity or who are embarking on data center build projects, it is essential that they understand their resource use today. Aperture VISTA provides companies like HSBC with the visibility they need to ensure that critical data centers perform to the high standards that the business demands."



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About HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC Holdings plc serves over 125 million customers worldwide through some 10,000 offices in 82 countries and territories in Europe, the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, the Middle East and Africa. With assets of \$1,861 billion as of December 31, 2006, HSBC is one of the world's largest banking and financial services organizations and is marketed worldwide as 'the world's local bank'.

Through an international network linked by advanced technology, including a rapidly growing e-commerce capability, HSBC provides a comprehensive range of financial services: personal financial services; commercial banking; corporate, investment banking and markets; private banking; and other activities.

About Aperture

Aperture is the leading global provider of software for managing the physical infrastructure of data centers. Aperture's solutions reduce operational risk and improve efficiency through the visual management of data center resources. Aperture delivers the best practice processes that enable organizations to take control of an increasingly complex physical infrastructure including equipment, space, power, cooling, network and storage.

With over 20 years of experience, Aperture provides organizations with the information required to optimize their data center operations, delivering better services at the lowest cost. Aperture's customers include the world's largest companies, half of which are Fortune 1000 and Global 500 organizations.

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