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### **Abtech to work with Red Hat, Oracle and HP to provide approved solutions for Oracle 10g on Red Hat Enterprise Linux and HP server range.**

London, UK, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006 - Red Hat, Inc. (NASDAQ:RHAT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions to the enterprise, today announced that it would be working with Abtech UK, one of its leading Advanced Partners, to promote running Oracle 10g applications on Red Hat Enterprise Linux. Abtech will leverage its partnerships with Oracle and HP to produce a range of approved configurations for small, medium and heavy users of Oracle.

"We are now a year into the Business Partner program and have successfully managed greater penetration of the market as a result of working with our key channel partners," said Hitesh Patel, UK and Ireland Business Partner Manager for Red Hat. "Abtech has proved itself to be one of Red Hat's more proactive partners in the UK. Couple this with their Oracle alignment and the worldwide launch of the Red Hat Linux is Easy campaign and Abtech have a certified solution that they can present to their customers."

Running Oracle on Red Hat Enterprise Linux will result in considerable cost savings over traditional proprietary UNIX systems. There is a high cost of entry for proprietary hardware and this investment is often wasted in providing excess CPU capacity that remains redundant until the workload increases.

Oracle 10g is designed to work across a scaled out environment consisting of multiple affordable industry standard servers running Linux. This results in a low cost database platform that can scale linearly with the growth of the customers business. The resilient features of a grid environment also offers the same benefits of an Oracle RAC (Real Application Cluster) which means any server that potentially fails does not affect availability of the Oracle application and barely registers in terms of application performance because of the distributed load.

Abtech offers a full range of Oracle 10g grid computing solutions on Red Hat Enterprise Linux. Abtech is now one of the leading providers of Red Hat solutions from concept and design through to implementation and support. Abtech is also a HP Preferred

Business Partner giving is access to HPs range of 'Linux Reference Architecture' server and storage solutions.

Nigel Wright, Sales Director for Abtech UK, commented "Many of our customers are looking at ways to deploy Oracle at a lower cost, whilst not sacrificing performance. We encourage them to evaluate Red Hat Enterprise Linux with Oracle 10g and they immediately see an improvement in performance. When they see the price of the solution, the cost/benefit decisions are made and the return on investment gains are obvious. We look forward to working more closely with Red Hat and Oracle to develop this market further.

For details of Abtech's Oracle solutions on Red Hat Enterprise Linux, visit:

[www.abtech-uk.com/solutions/oracle](http://www.abtech-uk.com/solutions/oracle)

For more information on Red Hat's 'Linux is easy' campaign please visit:

<https://www.europe.redhat.com/promo/easy/>

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