



HCL Joins the Windows Vista Application Compatibility Factory

*HCL and Microsoft host CIO customer conclave focused on **collaborative transformation***

Sunnyvale, CA and Redmond, WA — May 3, 2007: HCL Technologies Ltd. ("HCL"), India's leading global IT services company, today announced it has joined the Windows Vista Application Compatibility Factory (ACF). The ACF helps enterprises assess and remediate their existing applications to help ensure Windows Vista compatibility and accelerate rollout. In addition to producing a documented application inventory and reducing the complexity of migration to Windows Vista, the ACF can provide significant cost savings in a desktop deployment project and shorten the deployment lifecycle, thereby providing companies with quicker return on investment.

The announcement was made at "Mayflower," a CIO conclave hosted by HCL and Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) focused on **collaborative transformation**. Taking place at Microsoft's Redmond campus, the one-day customer-focused event features various sessions on mainframe migration, Windows Vista compatibility, modernization of legacy assets, platform optimization through Software as a Service (SaaS), and enabling the connected enterprise through Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). Key executives from both companies, including HCL President Vineet Nayar and Microsoft Vice President of Managed Services Ron Markezich, will be delivering presentations and leading sessions for representatives of the two companies' *Fortune* 1000 customers.

"ACF will help our customers more clearly define the roadmap for their IT infrastructures, providing them with the dual benefit of predictability and efficiency, while also mitigating the risks of migration," stated Shami Khorana, President, HCL America. "As a result of our strong collaboration with Microsoft spanning more than 25 years, we are pleased to be able to offer best-in-class solutions and support to help drive business transformation within enterprises around the world."

"Application compatibility is one of the first things enterprise customers consider before they undertake broad deployment of a new operating system," said Brad Brooks, General Manager for Windows Client at Microsoft Corp. "The Application Compatibility Factory helps customers assess their application inventory, identify any compatibility issues, determine the best course of action and conduct remediation. We're pleased HCL is now a part of the ACF, and expect that their Windows Vista Zero Touch Deployment solution will help customers drive significant increases in IT productivity."



Launched by HCL's Infrastructure Services Division (HCL ISD), a subsidiary of HCL Technologies, the 'Zero Touch' Desktop Deployment Solution for Windows Vista is a completely automated process to enable enterprises to minimize risk, bring higher visibility and reduce deployment cost by more than 40 percent.

About HCL Technologies

HCL Technologies is one of India's leading global IT Services companies, providing software-led IT solutions, remote infrastructure management services and BPO. Having made a foray into the global IT landscape in 1999 after its IPO, HCL Technologies focuses on Transformational Outsourcing, working with clients in areas that impact and re-define the core of their business. The company leverages an extensive global offshore infrastructure and its global network of offices in 17 countries to deliver solutions across select verticals including Financial Services, Retail & Consumer, Life Sciences & Healthcare, Hi-Tech & Manufacturing, Telecom and Media & Entertainment (M&E). For the quarter ended 31st March 2007, HCL Technologies, along with its subsidiaries had last twelve months (LTM) revenue of US \$ 1.27 billion (Rs. 5,675 crores) and employed 40,149 professionals. For more information, please visit www.hcltech.com

About HCL Enterprise

HCL Enterprise is a leading Global Technology and IT enterprise that comprises two companies listed in India - HCL Technologies & HCL Infosystems. The 3-decade-old enterprise, founded in 1976, is one of India's original IT garage start-ups. Its range of offerings span Product Engineering, Custom & Package Applications, BPO, IT Infrastructure Services, IT Hardware, Systems Integration, and distribution of ICT products. The HCL team comprises approximately 45,000 professionals of diverse nationalities, who operate from 17 countries including 360 points of presence in India. HCL has global partnerships with several leading Fortune 1000 firms, including leading IT and Technology firms. For more information, please visit www.hcl.in

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