Arcontech strengthens sales team with industry veteran Darren Simons

16/11/2012

London – 16th November 2012. Arcontech Group PLC, the leading independent real time market data technology specialist, announced today that Darren Simons has joined as Senior Sales Executive.

Andrew Miller, CEO of Arcontech said "Darren has years of experience and particular knowledge and specialism in our area of sophisticated real-time market data systems. I am looking forward to the added success his combination of technical detail and business acumen will bring."

Simons's appointment is in response to the increasing success and opportunities identified for the latest versions of Arcontech's vendor independent technology: Excelerator, a high performance real-time Excel add-in that can replace "bundled" vendor products and CityVision Cache, a highly functional last-value cache which can be used to replace, add-value to and cross connect vendor platforms, have both seen particular interest during the past 12 months.

Darren Simons said "I am delighted to be joining Arcontech at this exciting stage of the company's growth. Arcontech has a great reputation, not only as a company delivering proven reliable technology to meet business needs, but also for a business ethos that firms respect and trust"
Simons has a notable track record in the Market Data technology industry, stretching over 15 years, starting with several roles at Caplin Systems dealing with vendor connectivity and e-commerce trading portals. He subsequently worked for RTS Realtime Systems specialising in exchange

trading solutions. He joins Arcontech from Object Trading, a provider of exchange trading and market data solutions.

Notes for Editors

About Arcontech Group PLC

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Arcontech has experience of a wide range of technical concepts and applications and the ability to combine the best from each. Key areas of expertise include:

– Market data infrastructure
– Multi vendor data contribution
– Platform integration, corss-connect and protocol conversion
– Consulting and custom development

CityVision

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Posting of Annual Report and Notice of AGM

18/09/2012

ARCONTECH GROUP PLC ("Arcontech" or the "Company") Posting of Annual Report and Notice of AGM

Arcontech Group plc announces that its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2012, together with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting, were posted to shareholders on 17 September 2012. The documents are available on the Company's website www.arcontech.com.

The Company's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Company's offices at 8th Floor, Finsbury Tower, 103-105 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8LZ on 23 October 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

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Arcontech Group PLC Preliminary Results June 2012

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Arcontech Responds to Industry Demand for Independent Market Data Connectivity and Compliance

08/05/2012

LONDON, May 8, 2012: Arcontech Group plc (AIM: ARC), a provider of real-time software solutions to the investment banking and broking industry, has announced "CityVision Cache" a major development of its market data publishing system, supporting internal publishing as well as normalisation and cross connectivity between a variety of the industry's major platforms and feed protocols.

The enhancement to its CityVision suite of market data components has been developed in response to repeated calls from the marketplace for technology to reduce dependence on systems from particular market data vendors, increase connectivity options and address concerns over regulatory compliance.

A “last-value cache” is a data store that supports real-time publishing of internally derived market data, for example, the bid and offer price of a bond derivative or a foreign exchange rate. Most market data platforms have this capability but it is generally limited to publishing within the specific platform. The CityVision Cache allows cross-connectivity between platforms, meaning that data it manages can be shared in real-time between the different platforms often present in investment banking firms, greatly reducing dependence on a particular platform, increasing choice and providing cost-saving opportunities.

The CityVision Cache also includes options for calculations, page shredding, derived instrument creation and outputs to multiple destinations, including vendor contributions, making it a highly flexible and connected component. Finally, where supported by the connected platform, audit trail capability means that inbound and outbound data can be logged and tracked to the individual user, giving user firms better visibility of data flows, allowing control and aiding compliance with regulations such as MiFID and Sarbanes Oxley, which require price audit trails.

“We’ve listened to demands from the market data industry for cross-connectivity and a vendor-neutral approach to price derivation and distribution technology,” said Andrew Miller, CEO of Arcontech plc. “CityVision Cache provides a unique, cost-effective and scalable solution to this challenge, giving infrastructure teams choice and end-users flexibility, adding value to the systems currently deployed."

CityVision has seen accelerating global interest since Arcontech unveiled its "CityVision Adaptor" strategy in October last year, with many evaluations completed and deployments under way with international financial institutions. Demand is being driven by the desire to reduce costs and streamline operations. Arcontech's vendor-independent solutions provide proven, highly reliable alternatives to decouple data transport and display from the traditional information terminal providers, facilitating downsizing of expensive terminal counts and displacement of infrastructure components.

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Arcontech installed its first digital market data products in 1983 and has continually developed new, innovative systems and products, adopting leading edge technology, proven in the marketplace.

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Arcontech Excelerates Global CityVision Sales

24/04/2012

ARCONTECH GROUP PLC (”Arcontech” or the “Group”) Arcontech Excelerates Global CityVision Sales

London, 24th April 2012. Arcontech Group plc (AIM: ARC), a provider of enterprise level real-time software solutions to the investment banking and broking sectors, is pleased to announce a number of significant new contract wins for deployment of its CityVision market data platform and Excel integration technology, including agreements for deployment in Scandinavia, North America, London and the Asia Pacific regions. The contracts are worth in excess of £850,000 in total, over a three year period.

The deployment continues the success of Arcontech’s “CityVision Adaptor” strategy announced last year allowing banks to deploy data vendor independent solutions, gaining flexibility and providing considerable potential cost savings.

The CityVision systems provide connectivity to banks’ incumbent Thomson Reuters RMDS and Bloomberg systems, increasing flexibility of internal publishing. Licensed components include Arcontech’s CityVision Cache and Excelerator products. The Cache is a high performance and resilient server-based real-time data repository and publisher. Desktop connectivity for real-time publishing and data reception is provided by CityVision “Excelerator” a fast and robust add-in for Microsoft Excel.

The contract wins increase Arcontech’s market share and strengthen its presence in the Nordic, North American and Asia Pacific regions where it is working with other banks and partners.

Andrew Miller, CEO of Arcontech plc commented: “I am delighted to see that our innovative products are becoming increasingly successful internationally. Ease of deployment, migration support and low cost of change can be as important as pure license savings and I’m pleased that our work in these areas is paying off.”

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Arcontech Ltd Board Appointments Strengthen Growth

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ARCONTECH GROUP PLC (“Arcontech” or the “Group”)

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London, 3rd April 2012. Arcontech Ltd, key trading subsidiary of Arcontech Group PLC and a leading vendor independent provider of sell-side alternative market data contributions and distribution technology, is pleased to announce the appointment of two additional directors, adding talent and experience to the existing Board membership. The appointments recognise the long service and dedication of existing key staff members.

Sarah Wisbey, who has been with Arcontech since 1992, becomes Administrative Director, responsible for overall office operations, including human resource and facilities as well as procurement and expense management. Sarah will work closely with Chief Executive Officer, Andrew Miller and other key staff on strategic and tactical planning for the Group.

Darren Lewis, who joined Arcontech in 1999, is appointed Director of CityVision Development, with remit to drive forward product development and technical strategy.

Andrew Miller commented: "Both Sarah and Darren have contributed greatly to the development of Arcontech. Sarah continues to provide excellent support in her varied roles while Darren has been instrumental in formulation and execution of CityVision product direction. I welcome them to the Board and look forward to their continued help and support."

Founding directors of Arcontech Ltd Stephen Prout and Andrew Weber remain on the Board, together with Michael Levy (Finance), providing continuity and great depth of experience. Recruitment of additional staff is underway to provide increased resource for company expansion.

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FCA Boiler Room Scams information for shareholders

06/03/2012

Share Fraud Warning The FCA in conjunction with ICSA Registrars Group, have updated the 'Share Fraud Warning Leaflet' for shareholders, highlighting the dangers of accepting unsolicited telephone calls and correspondence, as well as providing guidelines on what to do if they receive unsolicited investment advice.

Share fraud includes scams where investors are called out of the blue and offered shares that often turn out to be worthless or non-existent, or an inflated price for shares they own. These calls come from fraudsters operating in 'boiler rooms' that are mostly based abroad.

While high profits are promised, those who buy or sell shares in this way usually lose their money.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has found most share fraud victims are experienced investors who lose an average of £20,000, with around £200m lost in the UK each year.

PROTECT YOURSELF

If you are offered unsolicited investment advice, discounted shares, a premium price for shares you own, or free company or research reports, you should take these steps before handing over any money:

1. Get the name of the person and organisation contacting you.

2. Check the FCA Register at http://www.fca.gov.uk/register to ensure they are authorised.

3. Use the details on the FCA Register to contact the firm.

4. Call the FCA Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768 if there are no contact details on the Register or you are told they are out of date.

5. Search our list of unauthorised firms and individuals to avoid doing business with.

6. REMEMBER: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

If you use an unauthorised firm to buy or sell shares or other investments, you will not have access to the Financial Ombudsman Service or Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) if things go wrong.

REPORT A SCAM

If you are approached about a share scam you should tell the FCA using the share fraud reporting form at http://www.fca.gov.uk/consumers/scams, where you can find out about the latest investment scams.

You can also call the Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768

If you have already paid money to share fraudsters you should contact **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040**

The above information was updated on 20th June 2013

Major International Bank Goes Live with CityVision

17/01/2012

ARCONTECH GROUP PLC

(”Arcontech” or the “Group”)

Major International Bank goes live with CityVision

Arcontech Group plc (AIM: ARC), a provider of enterprise real-time software solutions to the investment banking and broking sectors, is pleased to announce that a major international bank has deployed CityVision in production. Global roll out is continuing, with the initial phase covering Europe, North America and Asia Pacific regions.

The deployment is part of an initiative to deploy data vendor independent solutions and is facilitated by Arcontech’s “CityVision Adaptor” strategy announced in October last year. It will bring revenue to Arcontech in excess of £1m over three years and is expected to provide the bank with considerable cost savings, as well as streamlining and consolidating market data operations.

The CityVision system provides market data contribution to data vendors and redistributors including Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg, IDC and SIX Telekurs displacing the incumbent contributions systems. It also facilitates cross connectivity between other market data platforms and systems within the bank, enabling data received or generated on one to be viewed and processed by equipment connected to the other. This means that in many cases where two (or more) vendor terminals were required on the desktop, fewer are now required, therefore making possible a reduction in the overall terminal count with a dramatic commensurate cost saving.

Andrew Miller, CEO of Arcontech plc commented: “We’ve invested considerably in developing and fine-tuning our CityVision adapters; naturally, I am delighted to see that we are well on the way to recovering that investment. The configuration and components deployed comprise a vendor agnostic model that is repeatable across the investment banking community, giving users true choice and flexibility in their market data operations.”

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