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WELLPOINT ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN MICROSOFT'S INDUSTRY BUILDER INITIATIVE

CALGARY, Alberta, July 10, 2006 – WellPoint Systems Inc. (“WellPoint” or the “Company”) (TSX-V:WPS) is pleased to announce that the Company has further extended its partnership with the Microsoft Corporation (“Microsoft”) (NASDAQ:MSFT) by joining only a handful of other software developers within Microsoft’s elite Industry Builder Initiative. WellPoint’s Integrated Financial System (IFS) will be the basis for the Energy Financial Management system that can ultimately be sold and implemented by any one of the thousands of Microsoft partners around the world that address the energy industry, provided they are first approved by both Microsoft and WellPoint.

In parallel with this news release, senior executives from Microsoft including Steve Ballmer will be announcing WellPoint’s participation in the program to over 7000 Microsoft partners at the Microsoft Worldwide Partner Conference that is slated to begin this afternoon (Monday) in Boston, MA.

The Microsoft Industry Builder initiative is a structured program in which Microsoft works together with a very select number of independent software vendors (ISVs) to deliver complete, top-quality solutions that meet the unique needs of different industries. Microsoft Dynamics AX software solutions that are developed through this program meet Microsoft's strict quality standards and are packaged with a Microsoft-backed customer support offering.

For customers, the strict qualification requirements associated with the Industry Builder initiative ensure the following business benefits:

1. Reliable solution providers - To meet the high standards of Microsoft's customers around the world, ISVs that partner with Microsoft are required to demonstrate overall business stability and fiscal accountability, a solution development process that uses best practices, and readiness in providing global support.
2. Quality, compliant code - Industry Builder applications delivered by ISVs must also pass a Microsoft review for code quality standards. Microsoft Dynamics AX Industry Builder solutions are compliant with quality specifications created by Microsoft development and quality assurance staff. By working closely with Microsoft as part of the Industry Builder initiative, ISVs follow the Microsoft development path.
3. Single point of contact for support - With this program, customers can have a single point of contact for support of their core Microsoft Dynamics AX solution and the ISV-provided industry functionality.

“We’re very pleased that WellPoint Systems has joined the Industry Builder Initiative,” said Mark A. Jensen, general manager of Microsoft Dynamics AX. “Our customers and partners within the oil & gas and mining industries will benefit greatly from the industry expertise and functionality delivered by WellPoint Systems.”

Currently the only partner in the Industry Builder program dedicated to the energy industry, WellPoint is anticipating exponential growth within the international marketplace. “The Industry Builder program provides WellPoint with a truly phenomenal opportunity”, says Tom Mawhinney, President of WellPoint Systems. “There are a large number of extremely capable Microsoft partners around the world who have been looking for software solutions that are designed to address the unique requirements of their clients within the energy industry. With our Energy Financial Management solution, these partners now have industry-specific functionality that is based on one of the most scalable and configurable technologies in the world in Dynamics AX.”



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About WellPoint Systems Inc.

WellPoint Systems provides premier software and related services for managing critical operations within the energy industry. Aligning tightly with Microsoft Corporation, WellPoint is the only Independent Software Vendor (ISV) and Microsoft Dynamics partner dedicated to the energy sector. It is breaking new ground with the creation of a more comprehensive, integrated energy software suite based on existing Microsoft ERP technology that utilizes state-of-the-art Dynamics AX® and .NET architectures. WellPoint became a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner in 2005.

Founded in 1997, Calgary-based WellPoint Systems also has major operations in Houston, TX, Livingston, NJ, Tampa, FL, Tunis, Tunisia and Moscow, Russia.

WellPoint is publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol WPS.

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