

Idiom Rules Engine to be Highlighted in PowerHealth Solutions Case Study

25 October 2006 – *Auckland, New Zealand* – At the 9th International Business Rules Forum in Washington, DC, executives from PowerHealth Solutions and Idiom Software will present the advantages of employing business rules to develop flexible applications for markets with continually changing requirements and complex workflows.

PowerHealth Solutions, which provides decision-support and IT solutions for the healthcare industry, integrated Idiom's rules engine with its PowerBusiness Management Suite, a comprehensive billing, adjustment and revenue collection solution.

Integration of the Idiom rules engine has allowed PowerHealth to develop a core application framework for healthcare billing, with the business rules being defined and managed by end-users in a separate repository.

In this way, users can easily change and manage their institution's billing policies over time, without concern over the impact of their changes on the core application.

"Healthcare financial operations and reporting is a tremendously dynamic and challenging area," said PowerHealth's founder and director, Patrick Power. "By integrating Idiom, we were able to build a best-of-breed application that continually adapts to each institution's policies and procedures, while handling the complexities of government funding, insurance, resource allocation, cost controls and an ever-expanding list of medical procedures."

Mark Norton, Idiom's CTO, said, "We look forward to discussing at the upcoming Business Rules Forum how our two companies and our technology worked well together to make a highly-complex business problem manageable. Because of the flexibility built into the 'business rules for business people' approach, the model we will discuss in Washington can be applied to healthcare billing and reimbursement challenges in any jurisdiction around the world."

For an overview of the IDIOM Decision Suite and more information about the PowerHealth Solutions implementation of the rules technology, see the article "Business Rules for Business People" (Mark Norton, December 2003) at www.idiomsoftware.com/overview.pdf.

The 9th International Business Rules Forum (www.businessrulesforum.com), in conjunction this year with the First Annual Rules Technology Summit, attracts professionals interested in developing and deploying more agile, business-driven applications through the embedding of rules and decisioning support. The event is scheduled for 5-9 November 2006, in Washington, DC.

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PowerHealth Solutions is an ISO 9001 quality accredited organisation that operates in Australia, New Zealand and the USA. Established in 1995, PowerHealth Solutions specialises in healthcare IT solutions for public and private hospitals, and other organisations in the healthcare industry. With a primary focus on the development, implementation and on-going support of Decision Support systems, as well as Integration services, PowerHealth Solutions enable healthcare institutions to gain the maximum value from Business Intelligence Systems.

About Idiom – www.idiomsoftware.com

Idiom Ltd. is a leading solution provider and innovator in rules engine technology. The company's IDIOM Decision Suite is a Business Rules Engine that enables business experts to easily create, test and maintain the application logic that makes a company unique and competitive. IDIOM frees the management of rules and business knowledge from the technical issues involved in application development. Idiom Software and their partners have delivered solutions based on IDIOM to many sectors, including financial services, health, logistics, utilities, and government.

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