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Strong start to the year for Sword Group

IT portfolio generates pipeline of over €101 million in the last four months

Sword Group, Lyon, 23 February 2009: Sword Group today announces that it has secured €101 million of new contracts in the last four months. These major contracts include:

- Automotive manufacturer secures Sword Apak for global rollout.
- UK insurance broker and Australian public service agency select Sword Ciboodle for contact management centre software.
- 2 leading North Sea operators select Sword for multi-million 5 year framework contracts.
- Multi-million deal with European Institution to manage communications.
- Top 10 US property and casualty insurer selects Sword Intech insurance software.
- New York financial ratings agency selects Sword to implement a Documentum Records Management Solution.

Commenting on the new contracts, Heath Davies, CEO Sword Group said: “We are delighted to have started this quarter so strongly and are encouraged with our performance across each of our operations.

“We are continuing to deliver a solid performance to the market despite the turbulent economic conditions and we are predicting that these conditions will prevail well into 2009.

“In 2009 we forecast that we will outperform the market by over 10% with organic growth at a realistic 5%. To ensure this growth under these difficult conditions Sword is closely monitoring all costs and identifying potential efficiencies protect our revenue and margins.”

Following a successful end to last year, the group posted unaudited consolidated revenue at €205.73m and operating margin at 18 per cent.

2008 saw the group invest in a new nearshore R&D facility. This facility has helped to accelerate and align software delivery programmes internationally providing advantage in the market and will continue to be of prime importance for software assets in 2009. The Group’s offshore facilities in India, Jakarta and Beirut are also a strong asset to the delivery and support of projects in this difficult economic climate.

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Sword Group (NYSE Euronext: FR0004180578 SWP) delivers high value business applications to the world's largest companies globally. With operations in 37 countries, Sword today employs over 2000 people and generates more than €200m in consolidated revenue.

An international leader in the delivery of Business Process Improvement solutions, Sword's skills, infrastructure and experience help our customers across regulated industries optimise performance, increase efficiencies and maximise return on investment.

With flexible delivery options, including On Demand and On Premises, combined with our extensive industry expertise, Sword provides comprehensive support to customers across insurance & healthcare, energy, banking & finance, telecoms, utilities, engineering & construction and the public sector.

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