GFI INFORMATIQUE COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF THALES SERVICES' BUSINESS SOLUTIONS IT ACTIVITY

Saint-Ouen (France), 16 October 2012 **– Gfi Informatique has announced that it has completed the acquisition of Thales Services' Business Solutions IT activity.**

The Thales Services' Business Solutions activity acquired by Gfi Informatique has annual revenues of around €70 million and nearly 500 employees. The transaction – in legal terms an asset deal including working capital associated with it – is effective retroactively as from 1 October 2012.

The link-up provides the basis for a long-term partnership between Gfi Informatique and Thales, which accounts for around 50% of Gfi's revenues. The new relationship also strengthens the combined company's presence with France's large industrial and banking groups. Finally, it provides a major delivery center in Paris region and enables the expanded firm to offer outstanding expertise in PLM (Product Life cycle Management), and to significantly reinforce our Consulting Branch.

Gfi Informatique believes that the Business Solutions activities will contribute positively to Group profitability.

"*At Gfi Informatique we are very proud to have been chosen by Thales as a long-term partner to manage its IT solutions,*" stated Vincent Rouaix, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Gfi Informatique. "*With this transaction, we can also strengthen our presence in industry and extend our areas of competence. It clearly fits our strategy of moving up the value chain and solidifies our positioning as a force for consolidation on the French market.*"

Next key date:
25 October 2012 after stock market close, publication of the Group's Q3 2012 sales.

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About Gfi Informatique
A leading European player for value-added IT services and software, Gfi Informatique has established a differentiating strategic positioning between global operators and niche players. Drawing on its multidisciplinary profile, the Group provides its customers with a unique combination of hands-on services, sector-based organisation and industrial-quality solutions. With a workforce of nearly 8,700 employees, the Group posted 2011 sales of €618 million.
Gfi Informatique is listed on Compartment B of the NYSE Euronext Paris stock exchange, ISIN code: FR0004038099.
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