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The Minnesota Department of Revenue decides for visual rules®

Business Rules Management System for processing tax statements

(Immenstaad, Germany) December 4, 2006 – The Minnesota Department of Revenue has selected the Business Rules Management System (BRMS) visual rules® of the German Business Rules specialist Innovations Softwaretechnologie for automatically processing the electronic income statements from companies and issue refunds to the tax payers. Today, business sales and individual income tax statements are in the majority returned as paper files. The target of the Minnesota Department’s “Electronic Filing Program” is to dramatically raise the share of the electronic returns – and thus save processing time.

Within this program, the BRMS is used for the validation of the tax data. Data like the tax and business IDs, the tax amounts as well as periods are checked for correctness and completeness by visual rules®. Presently, alerts are still generated to the tax experts, e.g. if data is missing. Within the next year, the Minnesota Department will fully automate the electronic processing. Therefore, the business rules will be integrated into automated workflows.

There are several different lines of business rules supplied mainly by IT today. With the use of the BRMS, the Minnesota Department of Revenue targets on aligning the definition of business rules along a defined terminology and methodology and getting the business experts to do the major effort in writing and managing their rules without the help of IT. The new rules-based system is expected to save a great share of the application development time that is spent today by the Department’s IT.

International Customers

visual rules® is today being used by many customers across the world. A selection of these are the U.S. company Wyndham, offering luxury hotel & resort accommodations; the German HypoVereinsbank; the producer of agricultural machinery Claas; Zafin Labs, an IT service provider located in the UAE and the Australian software specialist MobileSelect. The range of applications includes an early warning system for trading of credit default swaps, the calculation of transaction billing and the individual calculation of mobile phones and plans.

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About Innovations Softwaretechnologie GmbH

Innovations Softwaretechnologie GmbH provides products and services related to Business Rules Management. This comprises the processes and tools for defining and managing business rules for their automated deployment in operational IT systems.

With its 'visual rules' product, Innovations offers an especially intuitive and high-performance Business Rules Management System. Business analysts can use it to graphically model, run, test and monitor business rules. IT experts directly integrate business rules into operational systems and thus create the necessary transparency, flexibility and traceability of business logic for competitive companies. 'visual rules' is certified as a plug-in, among others, for Eclipse and SAP NetWeaver Developer Studio.

Consulting companies on Business Rules Management and the use of 'visual rules' is part of the extended services offered by 'visual rules Professional Services'.

In addition, Innovation offers rule based solutions employed internationally by companies from the areas of finance, insurance, trade, telecommunications and industry.

For more information: www.visual-rules.com

About The Minnesota Department of Revenue

The Minnesota Department of Revenue manages the state's revenue system. It administers 28 different taxes, collecting over \$ 12 billion annually. This money funds education, local government aid, property tax relief, social service programs, highways, and other state programs and operations.

More information: www.taxes.state.mn.us