Sparx Systems Sponsors Meeting of CEN/TC 287 Geographic Information in St. Georges Bay, Malta

Leading UML modelling tool vendor supports seminal workshop on interoperability best practice.

Creswick, Australia, September 7, 2010 – Sparx Systems (www.sparxsystems.com), a leading vendor of modeling tools based on open standards, today announced that it will sponsor CEN/TC 287 Workshop on Interoperability Best Practice to be held on 14th September, 2010 in St. Georges Bay, Malta. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the 27th plenary meeting of the CEN/TC 287. Enterprise Architect, Sparx Systems' flagship modeling tool, is extensively deployed by the global geospatial community for the development of industry reference models.

CEN/TC 287 is concerned with standardization in the field of digital geographic information for Europe, a task that is undertaken through close co-operation with ISO TC/211 and the Open Geospatial Consortium Inc (OGC).

Commenting on the workshop, Ken Harkin, Business Development Manager for Sparx Systems said, "The identification of interoperability reference material which can be captured in a central repository and made available to future EU geospatial projects as best practices, is essential to ongoing results improvement. As a technology provider to the global standards community, Sparx Systems supports this initiative and is pleased to sponsor the workshop."

He added, "CEN/TC 287, through maintenance of key project deliverables and components will build on existing geospatial standards and in doing so will play a pivotal role in the concerted adoption of best practices and in shaping the evolution of the industry".

Martin Ford, CEN/TC 287 Secretary noted, "The significance of this workshop which is open to the public, is highlighted by an impressive line up of industry thought leaders. These speakers will share their ideas, experience and insight on strategies to use or build upon standards and specifications, in the domain of geographic information. CEN/TC 287 is very appreciative of Sparx Systems support in making this important discussion possible."

Further information about the CEN/TC 287 Interoperability Workshop is available from: www.gistandards.eu

About Sparx Systems
Sparx Systems (www.sparxsystems.com) specializes in high performance and scalable visual modeling tools for the planning, design and construction of software intensive systems.

With customers in industries ranging from aerospace and automotive engineering to finance, defense, government, entertainment and telecommunications, Sparx Systems is a leading vendor of innovative solutions based on the Unified Modeling Language (UML) and its related specifications. A Contributing Member of the Object Management Group (OMG), Sparx Systems is committed to realizing the potential of model-driven development based on open standards.

The company's flagship product, Enterprise Architect, has received numerous accolades since its commercial release in August, 2000. Now at version 8, Enterprise Architect is the design tool of choice for over 200,000 registered users world-wide.

About CEN
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