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INTERACTIVE DATA ANNOUNCES NEW BUSINESS ENTITY DATA SERVICE

New business entity data service aims to help customers meet their requirements for risk management and compliance under regulations such as UCITS III. The new service combines Avox's parent-issuer level content with FT Interactive Data's issue level content

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FT Interactive Data Europe, part of Interactive Data (NYSE: IDC) and a leading supplier of financial information to global markets, announced today that it has formed an alliance with global business entity data content and services provider Avox (formerly known as Azdex), to provide a business entity data service aimed at helping customers to meet their requirements for compliance under regulations such as the European Commission's Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities (UCITS III) directive. The new service will combine Avox's parent-issuer level content with FT Interactive Data's issue level content and will be offered as an optional module within FT Interactive Data's FTS™ portfolio administration service.

Increased global risk management requirements for industry compliance and accountability through new regulations such as UCITS III have fuelled a growing need for business entity data to perform issue-issuer-parent entity linkages. Under UCITS III total exposure to a particular parent organisation through all its subsidiaries must be calculated and managed in order to ensure that the total exposure falls within the limits set by the regulator. This process of concentration risk management is often referred to as 'group notion'.

It is expected that there will be an increase in demand for business entity data amongst European fund management administrators to coincide with the ending of the 'grandfathering' period for funds created under the preceding UCITS directive in February 2007. In addition to UCITS III, Basel II and MiFID requirements may also have an impact on demand for business entity data throughout 2007.

Bob Cumberbatch, FT Interactive Data's European business director, commented: "Many customers tell us they need a comprehensive and affordable service offering business entity linkages data that will help them meet their UCITS III compliance requirements. They need to identify and maintain linkages that determine which issues link into which issuers, and which issuers link into which higher entities or parent organisations. Business entity data is a specialised area – corporate actions alone cannot be relied on to capture all of the changes that occur either to an individual business entity or within a corporate group's organisational structure."

FT Interactive Data intends to offer its auto-matched, hand researched business entity data service via FTS on a per entity request basis. The service will be monitored on a daily basis.

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Interactive Data Corporation (NYSE: IDC) is a leading global provider of securities pricing, financial information and analytic tools to institutional and individual investors. The company supplies time-sensitive pricing (including evaluated pricing), dividend, corporate action and descriptive information for more than 3.5 million securities traded around the world, including hard-to-value instruments. Many of the world's best-known financial service and software companies subscribe to the company's services in support of their trading, analysis, portfolio management and valuation activities.

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About Avox

Avox Limited utilises an entirely new approach to validating, correcting and enriching business entity data. The firm has established a shared pool of business entity data regularly contributed by a growing number of clients including Citigroup, Clearstream, Bank of Scotland, Barclays Capital, Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, Standard Bank and Deutsche Börse. This industry data is combined with up-to-date content from other authoritative sources including regulators, business registries and company filings. Customised reporting and content are then provided on a pre-scheduled basis to each client. Changes made by any of Avox's clients to a data record are immediately revalidated by an Avox analyst and, if proven correct, they are broadcast, complete with a full audit trail, to all other clients holding the same record. The data in Avox includes corporate hierarchies, address information, industry sector codes, company identifiers, regulatory content and links to issued securities.

Avox has offices in London, New York, Paris, Toronto, Johannesburg and Wrexham (Wales). Avox is a majority owned subsidiary of the Deutsche Börse Group, one of the world's largest financial exchange organisations.

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