

FAST Consultancy Services Saves Linklaters £1Million Over Next 5 Years

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**** Global Law Firm Becomes First UK Organisation To Achieve FAST Gold Certification For 2,500 Desktops In Just 12 Weeks ****

Law firm Linklaters has announced anticipated license fee savings of £1million over the next five years. The savings are the result of a 2,500-user IT asset management programme carried out in record time by FAST Consultancy Services due to Linklaters' thin client environment. Today's announcement means Linklaters becomes the first UK business of its size to gain FAST Gold Certification in just twelve weeks and the only global law firm to have achieved full software licensing compliance.

The Linklaters IT asset management programme was carried out by FAST Consultancy Services in three-phases:

- Phase one: a walk-round audit of the company's 4,000 UK laptops, desktop PCs and servers, which delivered a comprehensive asset register and identified a hardware surplus.

- Phase two: analysis of the software applications used by Linklaters UK staff. This identified a range of software duplications and shortfalls, which once reconciled will generate license savings of £200K per year.

- Phase three: software vendor discussions to find and collate license information, (carried out with Ultima Business Solutions). This has created a documentation library, proving Linklaters' software compliance for all the applications used across its UK thin client environment.

Commenting on the project, Orhan Moye, Security and Client Systems Team Leader at Linklaters says: "As a leading global law firm, Linklaters is invited to tender for many high profile projects. Our reputation is of paramount importance to our clients. By attaining FAST Gold Certification we have achieved a globally recognised endorsement of the quality of our business processes. The project has also created a comprehensive UK IT asset management framework that will deliver ongoing software, hardware and IT disposal savings as the business grows."

Peter Kay, General Manager of FAST Consultancy Services says: "IT asset management is about eliminating business risk, ensuring software compliance and reducing unnecessary hardware costs. It's also about getting real value from IT by ensuring that everyone in the company has the right tools they need to do their job in the most productive and efficient way possible. We are delighted that our asset management programme will help Linklaters meet its business objectives and realise such significant cost savings."

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About FAST Consultancy Services

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FAST Consultancy Services was set up to educate and advise organisations about effective IT asset management. FAST Consultancy Services has unrivalled experience in helping companies to reduce risks, contain costs and create sustainable, legally compliant IT environments. A division of FAST Limited, Consultancy Services provides a professionally recognised, end-to-end IT asset auditing service that is independently accredited. The division has strong relationships with all the leading management and IT bodies as well as a network of specially selected asset management software partners. FAST Consultancy Services is the UK distributor for Software Organiser the world's leading software management and licence reconciliation software. For more information about FAST Consultancy Services, please call Peter Kay on +44 (0)1628 760359.

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