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Arctic Paper Implements webMethods Fabric for Creation and Support of Streamlined, Integrated Infrastructure

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London, United Kingdom. – December 9, 2004 – webMethods, UK Ltd. (Nasdaq: WEBME), a leading business integration software company, today announced that Arctic Paper AB, one of Europe's leading manufacturers of high quality paper for the graphics industry, is implementing the webMethods Enterprise Services Platform™, a major component of webMethods Fabric, to create an integrated technology infrastructure expected to improve business process efficiencies and increase return on investment for existing technologies.

Arctic Paper's technology strategy includes using what the company believes are 'best of breed' ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) applications in order to maintain its high standards for technology and keep technology costs to a minimum. This strategy, however, has made integrating the various systems a challenge, which is why Arctic Paper turned to webMethods Fabric.

Arctic Paper is working with webMethods to integrate several ERP systems from Maximo and PeopleSoft with data residing at three separate locations across Sweden and Poland. Once the project is completed, information from the separate ERP systems will automatically flow through a chain of linked applications, eliminating the time, cost and errors inherent to manually re-keying data from one system into another system. Business process efficiencies are expected to rise significantly, positively impacting customer satisfaction levels and ultimately adding to the company's bottom line.

"We selected the webMethods Enterprise Services Platform because webMethods presented a solution with which we can easily and cost effectively integrate our existing business systems and derive additional value out of our technology infrastructure," said Peter Liljenberg, information technology manager, Arctic Paper. "With webMethods Fabric, Arctic Paper can operate in a more efficient manner, better serve our customers and be well prepared for future changes in our organisation."

Another goal of the integrated infrastructure project is eventually to extend Arctic Paper's enterprise planning to include its vendors, suppliers and customers with minimal additional development efforts. Because the webMethods Enterprise Services Platform supports all major technology and industry standards, it enables Arctic Paper to complete real-time business-to-business integration via the web or private networks, and it facilitates business process automation and real-time information exchange between Arctic Paper and other businesses of any size or technical capability.

"webMethods Fabric provides Arctic Paper with a solid foundation of unparalleled integration capabilities to support their strategic business initiatives," said Rich Chiarello, executive vice president,

Worldwide Operations, for webMethods, Inc. "This type of integration implementation is a clear example of an industry-leading company that requires feature-rich, standards-based and cutting-edge technologies to help them improve business process, generate greater ROI for existing technology investments and prepare to build out their next generation of business systems."

About Arctic Paper

Arctic Paper specialises in producing high-quality, graphic fine paper and is one of Europe's leading companies in this field. The company, whose head office is in Gothenburg, Sweden, has factories in Sweden and Poland and sales companies throughout Europe. Arctic Paper's products are marketed under the Amber, Arctic and Munken brand names and are used within the printing industry, including book production, printed matter and advertising products, office materials and other specialist areas. The Group has a turnover of about 3.2 billion Swedish kronor and has approximately 1500 employees. For further information visit www.arcticpaper.com

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