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**Agile Software Development –
Launch of new Version 3.1 of the Business Rules
Technology visual rules®**

(Immenstaad, Germany) September 9, 2005 – The German software vendor Innovations Softwaretechnologie today announces the launch of the new version 3.1 of its business rules technology visual rules®. Several major new features make software development become even more agile and faster:

Hot Deployment

visual rules® provides a new API to exchange the Java rule code at run-time within an external application.

Test Data Editor

A new editor enables business experts to create test data for their rule projects in a fast and transparent way.

Import of Object Models

With support of Java Collections, it is now easy to fully import object models, e.g. ones that have been persisted with the framework **Hibernate**. They are available for instant development of business logic - thus accelerating the full development cycle.

Visual Debugger

It enables step-by-step debugging of the rule model.

Eclipse 3.1

For those using visual rules® as Eclipse plug-in: Version 3.1 both supports the version 3.1 and 3.0 of the Eclipse platform.

Developers and business experts are supported by even more new features, e.g. by database actions that allow execution of DDL commands and the call of Stored Procedures.

International Customers

Today visual rules® is in practice with international customers. A selection of these is the U.S. company Wyndham offering luxury hotel & resort accommodations; the German HypoVereinsbank, the IT company of United Arabic Emirates Zafin Labs and the Australian software specialist MobilSelect. The spectrum of applications ranges from an early warning system for trading of credit default swaps and the calculation of prices for transactions up to rule-based selection of cell phone rates.

visual rules® can be downloaded for a free test: <http://www.visual-rules.com>

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About Innovations Softwaretechnologie GmbH

Innovations Softwaretechnologie is a rapidly expanding software company, specialized in developing intelligent rule-based systems as well as distributed, network-enabled enterprise applications. Based on many years of experience, the company offers its clients extensive consultation, software design and development, as well as complete products to efficiently create such solutions.

Headquartered in Immenstaad at the Lake Constance in Germany, Innovations employs nearly 80 highly-qualified computer scientists and engineers. In the areas of retail, banking, and insurance, Innovations successfully works for internationally operating companies: e.g. Schweizerische Post - PostFinance, Zuercher Kantonalbank, HypoVereinsbank, Cortal Consors, Bausparkasse Schwäbisch, Quelle, Rewe and Metro.