



## Press release

# Sogeti Group Wins IBM Beacon Award for Outstanding Software Delivery in Product and Service Innovation with Rational

Four-time Winner of IBM Beacon Awards: Recognizing IBM Business Partners for Outstanding Achievements in Business and Technology Excellence

**Paris, France: 18 May 2010** – The Sogeti Group, a leading international provider of professional IT services, was named winner of the award for **'Outstanding Software Delivery in Product and Service Innovation with Rational**' in the annual IBM Beacon Awards competition. This prestigious honor is awarded each year to a select number of IBM Business Partners and recognizes technical excellence and innovative solutions based on IBM products and services.

The Beacon Awards are an important component in IBM's PartnerWorld program highlighting the essential role that IBM Business Partners play in driving innovation for clients and making a difference in today's highly competitive marketplace. Teaming with IBM, these Beacon Award winners have set the standard for technical capabilities, vision, ingenuity in solving problems and client satisfaction.

"We are very proud to have won a 4th Beacon award in a row," says Hans van Waayenburg, Leader of Capgemini and Sogeti's Global Testing Services, and Sogeti's CEO Europe. "Sogeti's Business Driven Test Management approach integrates our world-class structured testing services, together with industry-leading IBM Rational tools into a collaborative solution for quality software delivery. Our focus on the benefits of industrialization, accelerated automation and consistency of approach, enable our clients to reduce their software development costs, improve testing efficiency and time to market, plus mitigate risks. This award recognizes market innovations such as our deployment accelerators - TMap® Plug-ins for IBM Rational tools - and our Management Tool Migration Service, and we are currently continuing this collaboration with our Cloud Testing initiatives that will enable the delivery of flexible services through Rational Software Delivery Services for Cloud Computing."

The IBM Beacon Awards provide a wide range of industry recognition, increased visibility and promotional opportunities to award winners and finalists. Hundreds of nominations were judged by a team of leading industry journalists, analysts and IBM executives, who selected winners and finalists in 9 overall categories encompassing 21 awards covering hardware, software, and service solutions, Midmarket, ISV and technical awards as well as a focus on Smarter Planet. Among the categories were three new additions for 2010: New Intelligence, Smart Work and Smarter Planet.





"Our Beacon Award winners represent the tremendous power of the IBM Business Partner ecosystem in creating unique client value through our combined capabilities, expertise and offerings," said Rich Hume, general manager, IBM Business Partner and Midmarket Organization "By winning the Outstanding Software Delivery in Product and Service Innovation with Rational award, the Sogeti Group has demonstrated their ability to deliver innovation to the market and help clients achieve higher value and better business outcomes."

"This award demonstrates our extensive expertise in software testing and strengthens our testing services both globally and locally in Finland", commented Mikko Misukka, CEO for Sogeti Finland, launched in February 15<sup>th</sup> 2010 focusing only on testing related services on the Finnish market.

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### **About Sogeti Group**

Sogeti is a leading provider of professional technology services, specializing in Application Management, Infrastructure Management, High-Tech Engineering and Testing. Working closely with its clients, Sogeti enables them to leverage technological innovation and achieve maximum results. Sogeti brings together more than 20,000 professionals in 15 countries and is present in over 200 locations in Europe, the US and India. Sogeti is a whollyowned subsidiary of Cap Gemini S.A., listed on the Paris Stock Exchange.

Together with Capgemini, Sogeti has developed innovative, business-driven quality assurance (QA) and testing services, combining best-in-breed testing methodologies ( $\mathsf{TMap}^{\otimes}$  and  $\mathsf{TPI}^{\otimes}$ ) and the global delivery model, Rightshore $^{\otimes}$ ), to help organizations achieve their testing and QA goals. Capgemini and Sogeti have one of the largest dedicated testing practices in the world, with over 6,400 test professionals and a further 11,000 application specialists, notably through a common center of excellence with testing specialists developed in India.

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