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APG Releases APG TOGAF[™] Process Library New Process Library Achieves TOGAF Tool Support Certification by The Open Group

Hudson, WI, May 19, 2008 – Armstrong Process Group (APG) announced today its release of the APG TOGAF[™] Process Library (ATPL), an innovative and unique way of using the industry's leading open enterprise architecture development method and framework – The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF). The ATPL contains all of the process guidance found throughout TOGAF (in the form of guidelines, concepts, and checklists), as well as work breakdown structures (WBS) for the standard's Architecture Development Method (ADM). Concurrently, the ATPL has successfully achieved the standards for TOGAF[™] 8 Tool Support Certification, as established by The Open Group.

All portions of the TOGAF 8.1.1 specification are represented in the ATPL and are organized into the same four parts that are found in the <u>printed book</u>, <u>PDF and HTML</u> <u>version</u>s published by The Open Group.

"With the ATPL, end user organizations now can base their enterprise architecture (EA) practices on TOGAF and create organization-specific versions of TOGAF that represent the concerns of their business and technology environments," said Chris Armstrong, President of Armstrong Process Group. "With the ATPL, TOGAF can now also be tightly integrated with other processes, such as <u>IBM Rational Unified Process® (RUP®)</u>, <u>Open</u> <u>Unified Process (OpenUP)</u>, <u>Telelogic Harmony™ processes</u>, <u>ITIL®</u>, <u>COBIT</u>, in addition to organization-specific processes."

Using the <u>Eclipse Process Framework (EPF) Composer tool</u> (an open-source, freely available tool), organizations can extend ATPL method content and method configurations to represent their tailoring of TOGAF to their enterprise architecture practice.

"As The Open Group releases new versions of TOGAF, APG will create new versions of the ATPL, which will be freely available to licensed customers," said Armstrong. "The flexibility of the <u>ATPL Framework</u> will allow easy migration of an organization's existing additions and changes to the next version of TOGAF. This helps preserve the investments an organization has made as new best practices and techniques are added to TOGAF."

Additionally, APG is pleased to announce that the ATPL has achieved TOGAF 8 Tool Support Certification from The Open Group. "ATPL joins the ranks of an exclusive set of tools that hold this certification," said Armstrong. "TOGAF 8 Tool Support Certification means that the ATPL meets all requirements for supporting the Architecture Development Method (ADM) and Enterprise Continuum. Our customers can be confident that they are getting a quality product that is aligned with this important industry standard." APG is the first organization in the world to hold all three TOGAF certifications for training, professional services, and tool support.

"In order to support TOGAF's inherent capability for each enterprise to adapt the standard to their particular needs and then roll it out across the enterprise in a consistent manner, many have expressed a need for a tool that contains all of the process guidance found throughout TOGAF and that integrates with other industry and organization-specific

processes," said Allen Brown, CEO, The Open Group. "The ATPL from Armstrong Process Group is a major step in enabling even greater uptake of TOGAF."

Organizations interested in learning more about the ATPL and how it can be licensed for internal use can contact APG at <u>sales@aprocessgroup.com</u>.

About APG

Armstrong Process Group, Inc., (APG) is committed to providing proven and practical process guidance for aligning IT capabilities with business strategy through the combination of integrated strategic process improvement consulting, customized classroom training, professional development products, and project coaching. APG is an Influencing member of the Object Management Group (OMG) and contributes to the UML 2.0 and SPEM 2.0 specifications. APG is a member of The Open Group Architecture Forum and contributes to the ongoing evolution of The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF) and the IT Architect Certification (ITAC) program. APG is also a contributor to the Eclipse Process Framework (EPF) initiative. APG is an IBM Business Partner, an IBM Independent Software Vendor, a Telelogic Partner, and a Value-Added Reseller for Sparx Systems. APG is a privately-held corporation in Hudson, Wisconsin, USA. For more information, please see APG's website at <u>www.aprocessgroup.com</u>.

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