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News Release

Sword Group opens second office in Cwmbran

More jobs as growth continues for state of the art Technology Centre

London, August 18, 2009, Sword Group (NYSE Euronext: FR0004180578 SWP) is enjoying a period of continued growth which has precipitated the opening of a second office to support increased staffing levels at their new Technology Centre in Cwmbran.

Sword's world class information Technology Centre opened in January 2008 with just two employees and in January 2009 had already grown to 67 employees. It was forecast that by mid 2009 a further office would be required to support growing staffing levels. Today Sword Group is delighted to announce employee levels have increased again to 88 and by end 2009 this is expected to rise to over 100.

The Centre, which was established in partnership with the Welsh Assembly Government who awarded a £3.6m grant to the Group in 2007, operates as a support nucleus for Sword Group's growing IT portfolio. Its main focus has been on research, development and operational support for Sword's software portfolio. Project expansion is already underway with plans to involve more global software development in the Centre and to introduce emerging technologies.

Cwmbran was a natural choice for the Centre for many reasons: access routes to all major UK cities; a highly qualified local skills pool; opportunity to recruit first class graduates from local universities and vital financial support from Welsh Assembly Government. The choice of location also bucked the prevailing trend of opening 'offshore' business support centres.

Gordon King, Director of Sword's Cwmbran operations is delighted with progress to date: "We celebrated our expansion to 67 people in January this year and promised that we would be back with more by mid-year. I am happy to confirm today that we have delivered this promise. In times of economic uncertainty it is a major achievement that Sword Group is able to design, develop and deploy to such an extent that we need more office space and more people to support this growth. We have been able to offer high levels of employment and excellent career opportunities to our first class skills base. With new developments already underway at the Centre, we are on track to top 100 staff by end 2009."

The news was warmly welcomed by Ieuan Wyn Jones, Minister for the Economy and Transport, "I am delighted that we were able to support Sword Group's decision to invest in Wales and it is excellent news to hear they are already expanding their operations and creating a substantial number of high quality jobs. This investment is particularly important given their focus on research and development."

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About Sword Group

Sword Group (NYSE Euronext: FR0004180578 SWP) delivers high value business applications to the world's largest companies globally. With operations in 37 countries, Sword today employs around 2000 people and generates more than €200m in consolidated revenue. An international leader in the delivery of Business Process Improvement solutions, Sword's skills, infrastructure and experience help our customers across regulated industries optimise performance, increase efficiencies and maximise return on investment. With flexible delivery options, including On Demand and On Premises, combined with our extensive industry expertise, Sword provides comprehensive support to customers across insurance & healthcare, energy, banking & finance, telecoms, utilities, engineering & construction and the public sector.

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