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SLASH THE COST OF SELF ASSESSMENT

Latest Process Professional product champions Business Excellence and receives EFQM endorsement

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The latest addition to the world-beating 'Process Professional' self-assessment tool portfolio could shorten the time required to assess processes against widely-used business excellence models by as much as 50%, according to its developers.

Assessor for Business Excellence, launched today (21 October 1998) by Compita Ltd at the European Quality Convention in Paris, provides software support for self-assessment against the EFQM, Baldrige and Australian Quality Award business excellence models.

In addition to offering substantial cost and time savings, the product incorporates the published draft of the 1999 EFQM model currently under trial, and has already been endorsed by the EFQM itself. Compita states that it is the most technically-advanced product of its kind on the market, with extensive automation of assessment procedures and built-in Intranet functionality.

"The tool provides very significant time savings for assessors, potentially as much as 50% over previous methods, through automation of the assessment planning, data collection, and especially the analysis and reporting processes," said Mac Craigmyle, Business Excellence business manager at Compita.

"As well as being easy for assessors to use, the tool also encourages a more structured, methodical approach leading to consistent and objective results. We are confident that these benefits, coupled with our extremely competitive pricing structure, will make Assessor for Business Excellence a hit with business excellence practitioners," he added.

Assessor for Business Excellence enables assessments to be performed by independent assessors, in-house assessment teams and assessors working off-site - all supported by comprehensive data consolidation features. The product has been designed to be fully operational via an Intranet, and includes Compita's acclaimed and widely-implemented Process Professional assessment method.

"This new tool complements our already successful ISO15504 and CMM lines, and provides our clients with a wide range of cost-effective options to meet a variety of needs," commented Compita managing director Rob Clark.

For this new tool, Compita has drawn on years of experience in designing and marketing software support systems for quality management and assessment under the "Process Professional" brand. Assessor for Business Excellence has benefitted from Compita's links with quality professionals in major industry, notably through the company's 18-strong business excellence benchmarking group which includes representatives from many of the UK's leading 'blue chip' organisations.

The product has been warmly welcomed by the EFQM who, having reviewed the product, have agreed to endorse it.

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- the establishment, assessment and improvement of their business processes, skills and use of technology, and
- the identification and management of risks within their supply chain.

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EFQM is the European Foundation for Quality Management which owns, develops and promotes business excellence models throughout Europe.

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