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## **Business Collaborator boosts collaborative workflow management for Construction**

*Web-based software helps deliver projects on time and to budget to improve competitive edge*

**Reading, UK— October 8, 2008** — Business Collaborator, Ltd today announced the launch of BC5.2, a project collaboration tool that automates paper-based processes and enables access to project information in real time via the Web. Created specifically for the architectural, engineering and construction sector (AEC), this software offers improved workflow management and interactions. Its flexibility also gives customers access to a more real-life project environment without having to re-engineer tried and tested processes.

BC5.2 breaks down workflow barriers by incorporating all responses and comments made against a project task. It ensures discussions and comments are captured and held in the system, thus providing a single source of truth and assisting in the elimination of information silos. By integrating these discussions into the workflow, team members can respond with queries or requests for clarification without duplicating processes. This reduces the risk of costly mistakes and increases compliance *to key performance indicators*. It also improves the collaborative process at the early contractor stage by collecting more informal stakeholder interactions.

“The construction industry is searching for ways to reduce cost and save time,” commented Sanjeev Shah, Managing Director at Business Collaborator Ltd. “Using collaborative technology improves a firm’s ability to compete for and deliver work”.

“Many firms forget that collaborative working is an ethos enabled by technology. BC5.2 is different because it has been developed with the understanding that it is people who collaborate and its purpose is to encourage and facilitate that collaboration,” continued Shah. “We differ from other software providers because we ensure that the systems we implement truly reflect our clients’ working patterns, meaning they don’t need to go through the costly exercise of re-engineering their processes.”

BC5.2 is available direct as a single, shared, secure and fully managed environment hosted via the web, or as a self-hosted system.

#### **About Business Collaborator**

Founded in 1994 Business Collaborator, and now part of Unit 4 Agresso NV, is a pioneer in collaboration software delivering successful collaboration solutions to the construction industry and related sectors. It has customers across all disciplines, from architects and consultants through to large contractors, developers, fit-out and facilities management, and delivers value to both small and large projects. Business Collaborator is a member of the [NCCTP](#) (Network of Construction Collaboration Technology Providers), developing standards and promoting collaboration throughout the construction industry. BC is also participating in the 3 year pan-European [ECOSPACE](#) project, which aims to ensure that by 2012 every e-Professional in Europe will be empowered for real-time dynamic collaboration.

#### **About Unit 4 Agresso**

[Unit 4 Agresso](#) NV is headquartered in the Netherlands and listed on both the Dutch stock exchanges. The Unit 4 Agresso group is an international developer and distributor of integrated business information and management systems and security solutions, providing secure e-business solutions to its customers. It has around 3300 staff in 19 countries and 5200 client organisations.

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