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### **Kluwer acquires Efficiency Associates**

Strengthening Kluwer Training's range of professional skills

**Mechelen (16th October 2008) - Kluwer, part of Wolters Kluwer (Euronext: WKL) and leading publisher and supplier of information services to professionals in the legal, tax, financial, government and management sectors in Belgium, announced today that it has acquired Efficiency Associates. This takeover sees Kluwer strengthening its range of training programmes in professional skills.**

Efficiency Associates is a financially strong training organisation with proven expertise in the reinforcement of personal efficiency and work organisation for knowledge workers. Over the past 22 years, the company has developed a range of specific tools and a unique training approach in personal efficiency. A sustainable change in an individual, team or department is achieved through a balanced and result-oriented programme that combines training and coaching in the workplace. This methodology leads to a lasting result.

“We have seen that companies increasingly require training solutions that are geared to their organisation, as well as a strong range of open calendar training programmes,” explains Johan De Meyer, Kluwer Training Manager and chairman of Federgon Opleiding. “This takeover provides us with everything that we need in order to meet the rising demand for custom developed training for the organisation of work and priorities. As a full service training organisation, we want to realise our ambitions for a more personal and sustainable approach to training. The acquisition of Efficiency Associates reinforces our training services, in line with the expansion with Linkpower last year, for the assessment, training and coaching of employees and teams.”

“I am absolutely delighted about being able to form a team with Kluwer,” adds Bert van Driel, Managing Director of Efficiency Associates. “Over the past 22 years we have focused on the ever growing demand for training programmes in personal effectiveness. One of the important factors that can eliminate stress in the workplace for knowledge workers is good personal organisation. Our specific methodology and training approach in personal work organisation leads to sustainable results. In order for us to be able to extend our range on both a national and international level, we went in search of a strong and reputable market player with a broad customer base with which we could bundle our strengths. We found this in Kluwer.”

The financial details of the transaction are not disclosed.

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