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## **LOCUS TECHNOLOGIES OBTAINS CERTIFIED PARTNER STATUS IN MICROSOFT PARTNER PROGRAM**

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., January 27, 2005, /Business Wire/ -- Locus Technologies (Locus), a leader in environmental information management, today announced that it has earned Microsoft Certified Partner status for software developed as part of Locus's award-winning LocusFocus<sup>SM</sup> suite of environmental business solutions. The LocusFocus suite is a web-based environmental data management system - EIM<sup>TM</sup>, along with Locus's other environmental portal software applications for document management, environmental remediation system automation, waste management, and the soon-to-be-released air data management module.

"Only companies that have demonstrated high levels of customer service, proved their experience, and attained advanced certification receive the designation of Microsoft Certified Partner," said Allison Watson, vice president of the Worldwide Partner Sales and Marketing Group at Microsoft. "Today, Microsoft recognizes Locus Technologies for its skills and expertise in providing customer satisfaction with Microsoft products and technology."

Locus is pleased that its industry leading, web-based environmental database is based on Microsoft technology. "We find the Microsoft name to be immensely valuable when selling systems to Fortune 100 companies who value EIM's Microsoft database engine behind the scenes," said Dr. Neno Duplancic, President and CEO of Locus. "With more than 5,000 sites worldwide and millions of environmental records being managed in EIM, it's clear that having a Microsoft database engine is a key differentiator in the marketplace and provides our clients with a high degree confidence in our systems."

Microsoft appreciates companies like Locus that have skills and expertise in providing customer satisfaction with Microsoft products and technology. Microsoft Certified Partner status proves a high degree of competency and expertise with Microsoft technologies. Standards for acceptance into Microsoft Partner community are strict. To achieve Microsoft Certified Partner status, Locus satisfied Microsoft Competency requirements by proving its ability and proficiency to develop high-quality products and software solutions based on Microsoft technologies.

"We are extremely pleased to have earned certified status in the Microsoft Partner Program. The certified status allows us to promote our relationship with Microsoft to our customers. The benefits provided through our certified membership will allow us to continue to enhance the offerings that we provide for customers," added Dr. Duplancic.

The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in December 2003 and represents Microsoft's ongoing commitment to the success of partners worldwide. The Microsoft Partner Program offers a single, integrated partnering framework that recognizes partner expertise, rewards the total impact that partners have in the technology marketplace, and delivers more value to help partners' businesses be successful.

### **About Locus Technologies**

Locus Technologies, an ENR-200 company, specializes in providing comprehensive consulting, design, information management, automation, and construction services for environmental and energy markets. For more information about the company, visit their website at <http://www.locustec.com>.