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PARAGON SOFTWARE GROUP ACHIEVES MICROSOFT GOLD CERTIFIED PARTNER STATUS

Gold Partner designation confirms Paragon Software Group's expertise

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Paragon Software Group (PSG), the European specialist for innovative data management and data security technology today announced that it has attained Gold Certified status in the Microsoft Partner Program with a competency in ISV/Software Solutions. To qualify for the Gold Certified Partner level Paragon Software Group has demonstrated its expertise and competency in developing high-quality software solutions that meet Microsoft's strict certification requirements and customers' needs.

As one of the requirements for the Gold Certified Partner Level, Paragon Drive Backup and Paragon CD-ROM Emulator successfully passed the Microsoft "Platform" and "Verified for Windows Server 2003" Tests for ISV Solutions

"We have been providing high quality software solutions for over ten years. Being awarded Gold Certification from Microsoft validates our ability to successfully develop innovative and reliable solutions which meet Microsoft's exacting standards, as well as the demands of the marketplace" Said Andrey Shilkin, Vice Director of Paragon Software Group, "This status allows us to clearly promote our expertise and relationship with Microsoft to our customers and partners"

Members of the Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Program gain in-depth access to resources, technologies and training allowing Paragon Software Group to improve further its software solutions and services.

About Microsoft Partner Program

The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in December 2003 and represents Microsoft's ongoing commitment to the success of partners worldwide. The 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. For more information visit: <https://partner.microsoft.com>

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Paragon Software Group (PSG) is a German based company founded in 1994, with representation in Germany, Switzerland and Russia. Next to European markets, Paragon Software Group is also active in USA and Asian markets. PSG includes following divisions: System Utilities (data management and data security), Smart Handheld Devices (dictionaries, games, utilities and handwriting recognition for SHD), Epocware (software for Symbian platform), Intelware (internet related software development). Additional information is available at website www.paragon.ag.

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