

## **IBS America Unveils Seamless Framework to Help Organizations Foster a Culture of Compliance**

### ***New Web-based CompliantPro Solution Provides First Integrated, Flexible Platform to Address Increasingly Complex Regulatory and Quality Mandates***

**Lexington, Mass., Dec. 12, 2005** – IBS America, a provider of compliance management solutions that have created a “Culture of Compliance” among customers worldwide, announced today the availability of CompliantPro. The first integrated, flexible software platform to effectively reduce risk and optimize corporate performance, CompliantPro helps organizations in a wide variety of industries ease compliance with ever-growing government regulations, standards and quality initiatives. New functionality in CompliantPro includes the ability to manage and assess risks, catalog and manage the periodic assessment and testing of controls and quickly identify and mitigate any associated deficiencies, turning compliance from a burden into a benefit.

According to Industry Analyst Julie Fraser of Industry Directions, IBS is focusing on a much-needed approach to compliance. "IBS' CompliantPro may actually succeed in fostering a true culture of compliance for customers. CompliantPro goes beyond a single focus such as ISO or SOX, or an industry-specific regulation to encompass all current and future compliance issues. The system's repository and workflow encourage all relevant stakeholders to take an active part in ensuring the organization fulfills its compliance mandates."

Realizing that organizations are under increasing pressure to adopt a structured approach to enterprise risk and compliance management, IBS developed CompliantPro. Proactively managing compliance for a variety of regulations and standards, CompliantPro fosters a “Culture of Compliance,” eliminating organizational silos that have led to inconsistent approaches and costly duplication of compliance efforts. With CompliantPro, all functional areas – from Human Resources to Finance and IT – can realize clear, complete and consistent communication of compliance efforts, drastically reducing time, complexity and cost from the compliance process.

“As organizations struggle to define compliance management best practices in this intensely regulated environment, we’ve noted increased adoption of our proven communication, confirmation and correction methodology,” stated Matthias Grossmann, CEO of IBS America. “Our long and successful history in quality management prepares us well to meet these challenges. By extending our capabilities with CompliantPro, customers now have the tools to adopt a

proactive approach to compliance management that results in a Culture of Compliance and leads to a Culture of Confidence.”

### **The Culture of Compliance**

A true culture of compliance is a tremendous benefit for the organization and its stakeholders. Efficient compliance management examines the common elements of compliance and coordinates them within a common management structure supported by a centralized system capable of interfacing with all of the individual areas of compliance. For organizations of all sizes, a culture of compliance turns compliance from a burden into a benefit.

"We have been using the IBS Quality Management System for years and enjoy the benefits of an integrated compliance management system," said Al Schmidt, Chief Information Officer, Arch Chemicals. "We now realize that the same core elements that drive compliance to ISO 9000 are required to maintain compliance to other industry standards and government regulations. We believe that the use of one common system to address all these requirements will offer our company significant cost savings."

IBS has authored two whitepapers on compliance best practices: "Building a Culture of Compliance for a Culture of Confidence," and "How to Build and Maintain a Culture of Compliance." To access these whitepapers, please click: [www.ibs-us.com](http://www.ibs-us.com)

### **Compliant Pro**

CompliantPro is the only solution that manages all aspects of compliance including document control, notifications and alerts, escalation and employee training, ensuring that information is available and accessible. Easily configured to any organization's process workflows, CompliantPro is designed to conform to corporate compliance and business processes.

The system is suitable for one location or distributed global operations and features a personalized dashboard with real-time tracking to provide users with immediate visibility into the status of documents and tasks. And, because CompliantPro is entirely Web-based, it can be accessed from anywhere using a standard Web browser, allowing true, enterprise-wide compliance management, across all departments, business units and organizations.

Additional CompliantPro features include:

- **Maximum document control** – flexible framework for creating, modifying, approving, releasing and archiving all types of compliance documents – with automatic notifications sent to approvers and recipients at every stage
- **Corrective and preventative action (CAPA)** – enables rapid identification, analysis and correction of compliance-related deficiencies. Allows for easily generated corrective action requests (CARs) and preventative action requests (PARs) with each type action request able to have its own resolution workflow

- **Comprehensive assessments** – helps organizations effectively audit processes to ensure compliance with all relevant standards and regulations – with internal assessments and supplier assessments scheduled, created and executed online
- **Training and qualification** - a single, powerful repository for employee training and certification information, including course information, job position requirements and employee training profiles, allowing employees to self-acknowledge completion of training

### **About IBS**

Created by the merger of IBS and Quality Systems International (QSI) in 2001, IBS America, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of IBS AG, the leading provider of highly integrated software applications that enable businesses to achieve and maintain compliance with a wide range of industry standards and regulations.

IBS boasts more than ten years of experience helping customers profitably produce and deliver products and services while overcoming ever-evolving business challenges. IBS provides the integrated software technology necessary to create a *Culture of Compliance* that cuts across corporate “silos” and instills confidence in the organization’s ability to achieve compliance goals.