



## EarthSoft Selects ICO for Hosted EQulS in Australia

February 22, 2010 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – EarthSoft announced today the decision to collaborate with ICO of North Ryde, NSW, for the provision of its critical server infrastructure for Help Desk, Sales and Marketing operations in Australia.

EarthSoft's EQulS software is the most widely used in the world for environmental data management, with many government and industrial clients, as well as most large consultants and all top labs. EarthSoft supplies free-hosted "sandboxes" for all large Enterprise clients and now may better support these large Australian and New Zealand clients.

Established in 1997, ICO has built an enviable reputation providing leading edge technologies and services, offering expert support and an unparalleled record of extremely reliable uptime (99.999% availability).

For the first seven years, ICO concentrated on Dedicated Servers; however, in 2004, virtualization technology became a real option to add to their offering and they became the first web hosting company in the world to offer virtualization technology in the form of Virtual Dedicated Servers.

In July 2007, the business of ICO International Pty Limited (ICO) was acquired by the publically listed itX Group Limited (ASX:ITX) and has since been integrated as a business divisional unit. itX was formed in 1991 as i.t.connXions to provide value-added distribution to the Australian Reseller Channel.

Mitch Beard, CEO of EarthSoft, states "We selected ICO for their uptime record and also for their dedication to customer support – which is unparalleled in the high availability hosting market in Australia. We know that at any time of the day, we can to speak to and get immediate assistance from a qualified support engineer."

ICO subjects all high security devices to full security testing prior to being deployed — including the installation and configuration of the Operating System, the disabling of vulnerable or unneeded services and advanced vulnerability tests.

EarthSoft sales in Australia grew rapidly in 2008 and 2009, and large Oracle and ESRI implementations require hosted web dashboards and sandboxes for testing, training and phased implementations.

Thousands of environmental laboratories, consultants and other organizations processing thousands of electronic data delivery (EDD) submissions each year use EDP and Enterprise EDP. EDP checks many different EDD formats including AGS. The Sample Planning Module automates the preparation of chain of custodies (CoCs) and bottle labels – with an included Completeness Checker. EarthSoft's EDGE provides links to data loggers and sensors for the warehousing of real-time environmental data. EQulS for ArcGIS Server provides EQulS integration with web GIS reporting.

EQulS is all .NET, available in both Oracle and SQL Server. EarthSoft and ICO are both Microsoft Gold Certified – both companies provide state-of-the-art technologies and consulting services.

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