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## TECHNOLOGY SERVICES GROUP CONTINUES SCOTTISH GROWTH

On May 13, 2005, Technology Services Group Ltd (TSG) continued its expansion in developing UK-wide IT service and solutions provision for SMEs, with the acquisition of Edinburgh Microsystems Centre Ltd, the Edinburgh-based IT software, hardware and infrastructure installation business. The acquisition expands TSG's Sage customer base in Scotland.

Edinburgh Microsystems Centre was formed in 1979 to provide computerised accounting, payroll and database services for small firms within the area. The business has concentrated on providing Sage Line 100 and MMS software, offering system development, training and support to local businesses. Former MD Martin Booth and the staff of six will transfer to TSG Scotland's Edinburgh office.

Tom O'Hara (Regional Managing Director, TSG Scotland) said: 'It's worth mentioning that this is TSG's second acquisition in the three weeks since funding of £25million was secured through Lloyds TSB Corporate – funding which allows us to speed up our consolidation and growth in the IT support and service marketplace. This acquisition gives us a leading edge in the Sage software market throughout the east of Scotland. Edinburgh Microsystems looks after 150 customers and has significant expertise in Sage's financial software products.'

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Martin Booth said: 'Edinburgh Microsystems Centre was built round the premise of offering real customer service for smaller businesses. Having been trading for 25 years we've seen a revolution in PC development and the type of complete IT solutions customers want, but the demand for good service never changes. Becoming a part of TSG will allow us to continue the tradition of service, supported by a wealth of broad technical expertise from within the group.'

TSG now employs more than 425 staff across the UK, has an annualised turnover in excess of £37 million and provides IT solutions and services to more than 9,000 small and medium sized businesses across the UK, from Basingstoke in the south, to Aberdeen in the north.

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