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## **Claus E. Hansen new CEO in Columbus IT**

Columbus IT Partner A/S hereby announces that a new CEO has been appointed from 1 January 2009. For a while, Michael Gaardboe, who is the founder of and major shareholder in Columbus IT, has planned to resign, and the successor is Executive Board member and COO Claus E. Hansen. The Board of Directors has decided to nominate Michael Gaardboe as a board member for Columbus IT Partner A/S on the next general meeting. In the future, Michael Gaardboe will also become Chairman of the Board in the Columbus IT company To-Increase. The Dutch based company develops and sells Microsoft certified software to Microsoft Business Solutions distributors all over the world – and is a strategic important company for the future development of Columbus IT.

44-year-old Claus E. Hansen, who has been in Columbus IT since August 2007, is an experienced director in the ERP business and has for more than 10 years been chief executive in some of the largest Microsoft partners in the world. For the past year, Claus E. Hansen has proven that he, as planned, is ready to undertake the role as CEO after Michael Gaardboe.

Columbus IT has been successful under the management of Michael Gaardboe. The announced expectations for 2008 are total revenues in the level of DKK 1,000m and an EBITDA of DKK 60-65m.

The company is in the process of employing a new COO, who is expected to be able to commence in the near future.

Ib Kunøe Chairman of the Board Columbus IT Partner A/S

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