

**Wolters Kluwer Achieves Associate Consultancy Status with  
British Standards Institution**

**Amsterdam (September 7, 2004) - Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe today announced the achievement of Associate Consultancy status for its UK company, Croner Consulting, with the British Standards Institution (BSI). Croner Consulting is one of the first sole partners to hold this prestigious status in the BSI Management Systems Division.**

"This represents a great achievement for us", commented Chris Mellor, CEO of Wolters Kluwer UK. "Not only is it recognition of Croner Consulting's outstanding success in becoming the best in its field in just over 25 years, but achieving Associate Consultancy status with BSI provides a wealth of opportunities to further build upon our tradition of dedicated and superior service."

Established in 1977, Croner Consulting is the United Kingdom's most experienced provider of in-depth advice and practical support in the high-risk areas of employment, health & safety and taxation. Over 10,000 businesses in the UK rely daily on Croner Consulting to guide them through new legislation, leaving them free to focus on their core businesses.

BSI Management Systems provides organizations with independent third party certification of their management systems in areas such as Quality, Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) and Information Security. These systems help organizations improve their business efficiency and reduce their risk. The awarding of Associate Consultancy status reflects the importance both BSI and Croner Consulting place on their strategic partnership, which supports client needs for OHS and Employment Management Systems.

Croner Consulting will participate in a number of BSI communications events scheduled for 2005, providing the opportunity to promote its services to BSI clients, who will be updated on OHS and employment issues. Additionally, Croner Consulting and BSI will review other areas where joint communications and promotions will add value.

**About Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe**

Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe focuses on the growth potential of six customer segments: legal; fiscal/financial; human resources; public & government administration; health, safety & environment (HSE); and transport. With a well-established presence in over 15 countries, Wolters Kluwer Legal, Tax & Regulatory Europe has annual revenues (2003) of €1.365 billion and employs approximately 8,000 people.

Wolters Kluwer is a leading multinational publisher and information services company. The company's core markets are spread across the health, tax, accounting, corporate, financial services, legal and regulatory, and education sectors. Wolters Kluwer has annual revenues (2003) of €3.4 billion, employs approximately

18,750 people worldwide and maintains operations across Europe, North America and Asia Pacific. Wolters Kluwer is headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Its depositary receipts of shares are quoted on the Euronext Amsterdam (WKL) and are included in the AEX and Euronext 100 indices.

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