

**AQUILA GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED WINS 'SYSTEMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR 2006'**

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Aquila Group Holdings Limited, a leading supplier of software solutions, has been voted the Systems Provider of the Year at the Professional Pensions UK Pensions Awards 2006. The title was awarded to *aquila* by a panel of judges made up of professionals from across the occupational pensions industry. The award recognises *aquila's* exceptional level of service to its clients and the Group's continuous and ongoing improvement.

Commenting on this achievement, David Ackroyd, Chief Executive, said:

"We are delighted to win the Systems Provider of the Year award, an award which highlights our commitment to providing quality solutions and service. It also reflects the strength of our position within all of our markets, and our consistent growth. We look forward to continuing to build on our success in the future as we work with our clients to help them deliver a consistently high level of service to their members."

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**Notes to editors**

Aquila Group Holdings Limited, comprising *aquila* and *heywood*, is the leading supplier of pension administration software solutions in the UK. The pension schemes for nearly 7 million members in more than 200 major organisations are run using the group's two administration software solutions, *administrator* and *AXISe*. These solutions cover the whole range of available schemes including DB, DC, hybrid, career average, cash balance and stakeholder.

The Group provides solutions to the Financial Services, Third Party Administration, Corporate and Public Sector pension scheme markets in the UK, Ireland and the rest of Europe. Its

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clients include Prudential, Norwich Union, BBC, Asda, BP, the European Central Bank, Aon Consulting and most local authority schemes.

*administrator* is *aquila's* functionally rich, pension administration software solution, which addresses the core administration, investment and communication requirements of all significant pension benefit and plan types. Its modern architecture offers a cost effective and low risk solution with proven capability and quality of delivery. *administrator's* Out Of The Box and Web Enabler components enable rapid deployment of transactional web access to individual members through a self-service model.

*AXISe* is *heywood's* integrated pensions system which addresses the requirements of all types of Corporate and Public sector pension schemes. *AXISe* also has integrated web, imaging and workflow capabilities, as well as an award winning call centre module.

For those clients who wish to out-source their pensions IT function, both *administrator* and *AXISe* can be offered via a fully hosted or ASP service. To ensure a low risk implementation, the group provides experienced consultancy services for business management comprising project management, process engineering, data migration, management information and system integration.