



BBot Architect Honored with Microsoft's Prestigious MVP Award

Gijsbert in 't Veld, Covast CTO and BBot visionary, honored for global technical contributions

ATLANTA - April 11, 2007 - Covast, a leading provider of business-to-business integration solutions for collaborative business environments, today announced that its chief technology officer, Gijsbert in 't Veld, has received the 2007 Microsoft® Most Valuable Professional (MVP) award. Mr. in 't Veld is also the architect and visionary behind the world's first B2B integration appliance for the supply chain - the Covast BBot. This is Mr. in 't Veld's second consecutive year receiving the MVP award. In effect, he joins an elite group of the world's most accomplished technical leaders, all of whom have demonstrated unprecedented contributions to the world of technology.

Mr. in 't Veld receives the MVP award for his technical contributions to Microsoft BizTalk Server and its role in supply chain integration. For more than five years, his contributions have been integral to the ongoing development of Microsoft BizTalk Server and its B2B integration capabilities.

"Gijsbert's expertise and vision have made a tremendous impact on how enterprises achieve B2B integration. Any company using Microsoft BizTalk Server or a Covast solution is reaping the rewards of his contributions. Covast is honored to have him as a technology leader," commented Daan Scheer, CEO, Covast.

In February 2007, under Mr. in 't Veld's technical direction, Covast launched BBot, the world's first B2B integration appliance for the supply chain. Built on Microsoft BizTalk Server, BBot automatically integrates the complex supply chain systems of large hubs with the systems of their smaller customers and suppliers. BBot requires virtually no maintenance, is self-configuring and needs only a local area network with internet connection to work. As a result, smaller customers and suppliers are able to seamlessly integrate with large hubs using Microsoft Office as an interface thereby improving supply chain visibility, efficiency, compliance and accuracy.

As a MVP recipient, Mr. in 't Veld has the opportunity to meet Microsoft executives and network with other technical leaders in his field. He has the opportunity to share his expertise with the technical community and customers through speaking engagements, one-on-one customer event participation and technical content development. Mr. in 't Veld also receives early access to Microsoft technology and has the ability to influence the future functionalities of their products.

To learn more about the Covast BBot supply chain integration appliance or Covast's suite of B2B industry solutions, please visit www.covast.com.

About Covast and BBot

Covast, a leading provider of business-to-business integration solutions, is revolutionizing supply chain integration through the world's first B2B integration appliance - the Covast BBot. Requiring only a local area network with internet connection, BBot automatically enables integration between the complex B2B systems of large supply chain hubs and their smaller customers and suppliers. The result is improved visibility, compliance, efficiency and accuracy for every supply chain. Covast is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner and an IBM Business Partner. Covast maintains its European headquarters in the Netherlands and its U.S. headquarters in Atlanta. For more information, visit <http://www.covast.com>.

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