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ALLEN BECOMES FIRST ISTQB® GLOBAL PARTNER

ALLEN and ISTQB® are pleased to announce that ALLEN, has become the first organisation to achieve Global Partner status with ISTQB®, the International Software Testing Qualifications Board (www.istqb.org).

ISTQB® Global Partner status demonstrates an organisation's commitment to the field of Software Testing and its willingness to contribute to the promotion of the testing profession all over the world by means of certifying people in accordance to the "ISTQB® Certified Tester" path.

"We are glad to see that more and more companies are relying on ISTQB® for the certification of their software testing professionals," says Chris Carter, ISTQB® President, "and we welcome the ALLEN Group as the first organization in the world to achieve Global Partnership status."

ISTQB® Global Partnership requires that an international organization has at least three legal entities, in different countries, holding ISTQB® Gold or Platinum Partnership status.

For the ALLEN Group the three companies are:

- ALLEN ITALIA Platinum Partner
- Quasus (based in Belgium) Gold Partner
- XDIN (based in Sweden) Platinum Partner

"ISTQB® is the most widely adopted and fastest growing software testing certification scheme and we are very proud to play a key role in its worldwide development," says Fredrik Nyberg, XDIN Managing Director. "The ALLEN Group has supported ISTQB® for many years in the achievement of its mission to: continually improve and advance the software testing profession by defining and maintaining a body of knowledge which allows testers to be certified, connect the international software testing community, and encourage research".

"Thanks to this achievement Quasus will strengthen its position as a leading consulting supplier in Belgium in the testing domain, generating business value in terms of quality, time-to-market, and cost of the products and services developed by our customers," says Alex Van Cauwenbergh, Quasus Managing Director. "More and more companies are becoming aware of the importance of having qualified staff with advanced skills in software testing to meet the needs of a demanding market. ISTQB®, with its proven certification path, provides an important competitive advantage to companies offering consulting and end-user services."

"The partnership of ISTQB® and ALLEN's leading position in the field of Engineering and Technology Consulting in Europe will allow ALLEN to boost its international profile by providing customers with the best skills on the market," says Luca Ferro, Head of the Testing Division of Alten Italia. "At group level, we have more than 2000 testing professionals, out of which more than 200 are ISTQB® certified at Foundation Level and more than 40 at Advanced Level; we are ISTQB® ATPs (Accredited Training Providers) in Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Sweden and plan to achieve this status in France and the Netherlands soon; we also look forward the forthcoming release of the new ISTQB® module on 'Agile Testing' and will adopt it as a reference for our consulting and training services".

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Alon Linetzki, Head of the Partner Program within ISTQB®, says “the Partner Program has been designed to give recognition to companies which invest substantially in the ISTQB® Certified Tester Scheme and is gaining the attention of many companies world-wide, so we expect more companies to reach Global Partnership status in the near future.”

About ALTEN

As the European Leader in Technology Consulting and Engineering, ALTEN carries out research and design projects for the R&D and IT divisions of major clients in industry, telecoms and services. With a presence in 14 countries, the ALTEN Group achieved a turnover of 1.2 billion Euros in 2012, and employs over 16,000 staff, of which 88% are high-level engineers.

ALTEN’s stock is listed on ‘Compartment B’ of the Euronext Paris stock exchange (ISIN FR0000071946). It is part of the SBF 120, the IT CAC 50 and MIDCAP 100 indices and is eligible for the SRD.

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About ISTQB®

The International Software Testing Qualifications Board is a non-profit organization, headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, whose mission is to advance the software testing profession.

It is supported in its operations by 47 member boards, covering over 70 countries. As of March 2013, ISTQB® has issued over 295,000 certificates world-wide.

For more information visit: www.istqb.org