

## **Dear SAP DB Community,**

Through our partnership with MySQL AB and a MySQL rebranding of SAP DB, we will head to get a bigger share of the DBMS market inside the SAP customer base as well as in the non-SAP market. This will improve both our visibility and our market perception.

MySQL is the most popular open source DBMS. Our partnership combines enterprise-class DBMS technology with the power of the most quickly growing open source community. Together we want to create enough momentum to become the number four in the DBMS market. What Linux is for operating systems today, we intend to become for database management systems in the future. Our partnership will expedite the growth of the MySQL ecosystem of end users, consultants, DBMS service companies, and independent software vendors.

Starting in Q4 2003, SAP DB will be renamed under a MySQL branding. SAP AG remains responsible for ongoing development and support. So SAP may have given up the DBMS market but has not given up the development of DBMS technology. The rebranded version of SAP DB will be promoted and offered inside the SAP customer base together with SAP applications as well as outside the SAP market. The rebranded version of SAP DB will be part of MySQL AB's product portfolio in addition to its present product offerings. In this way, the large community of MySQL users gets the alternative of an enterprise-ready database product. Contrary to erroneous press reports, SAP AG has not given up any rights concerning the SAP DB code base nor handed over or even sold SAP DB to MySQL AB.

The rebranded version of SAP DB will be no longer published under the present licensing model: LGPL for all client libraries and GPL for the rest of the system. Instead, MySQL AB will offer the rebranded SAP DB under their proven business model. It will be available as open source software completely under GPL as well as under a commercial license at commodity prices. This will be the only real change for the present SAP DB user community.

Best regards,

Your SAP DB Team