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**SPRINGSOURCE ACQUIRES RABBITMQ CLOUD MESSAGING TECHNOLOGY**

*Widely Used Enterprise Messaging Technology Ideally Suited for new Generation of Cloud Applications*

**PALO ALTO, Calif.—April 13, 2010**—SpringSource, a division of VMware, Inc. (NYSE: VMW) and the leader in Java application infrastructure and management, today announced the acquisition by VMware of [Rabbit Technologies, Ltd.](#), an open source software company based in the United Kingdom. SpringSource will add the RabbitMQ open messaging system into its suite of technologies that reduce the complexity associated with development, deployment and management of enterprise applications. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

As organizations increasingly build and deploy applications in a cloud environment, the infrastructure to support this new model is evolving. A new type of lightweight, reliable, scalable and portable messaging system is required to support the routing of user requests to the appropriate resources regardless of where they may reside. RabbitMQ is a leader in this field and with this acquisition, SpringSource will employ the principal contributors to RabbitMQ, the open source standards-based messaging system that enables applications or components of applications to more effectively communicate with each other.

“While messaging has always been a key infrastructure element used in the creation of enterprise applications, cloud applications require a fundamentally different messaging infrastructure,” said Rod Johnson, general manager of the SpringSource division of VMware. “By adding RabbitMQ to our suite, SpringSource can extend its emerging application platform with another element of technology that is critical to modern virtual and cloud deployment models.”

Providing clear integration with the Spring Framework will also allow a significant community of Spring developers to leverage RabbitMQ as they evolve their applications

from traditional datacenters into private and public cloud deployments. RabbitMQ will continue to be open source software. At the same time, SpringSource plans to continue full support for the RabbitMQ developer community.

“RabbitMQ is an extremely successful technology and forms the backbone for many varied cloud messaging systems,” said Alexis Richardson, chief executive officer and co-founder, Rabbit Technologies, Ltd. “By providing a multi-protocol, completely open, portable messaging system, our technology can be a key enabler of tomorrow’s applications. By joining with enterprise leaders, SpringSource and VMware, RabbitMQ expects to continue to be at the forefront of the movement toward cloud computing. Users and customers will benefit from an organization offering deep and immediate experience with the challenges of managing highly available and stable operations.”

For more information on the acquisition, and for comments from Johnson and Richardson, visit [SpringSource Acquires Rabbit Technologies](#).

#### **About Rabbit Technologies, Ltd.**

[Rabbit Technologies, Ltd](#) develops and commercially supports the RabbitMQ messaging system. The company is based in the UK and was founded in February 2007. It is a spin out from [LShift Ltd.](#), the UK software consultancy and [CohesiveFT](#), the US virtualization and cloud computing company.

#### **About SpringSource**

SpringSource, a division of VMware, Inc., (NYSE: VMW) and the leader in Java application infrastructure and management, provides a complete suite of software products that accelerate the entire build, run, manage enterprise Java application lifecycle. SpringSource employs the open source leaders who created and drive innovation for Spring, the de facto standard programming model for enterprise Java applications. SpringSource also employs the Java and Web thought leaders within the Apache Tomcat, Apache HTTP Server, Hyperic, Groovy and Grails open source communities. Nearly half of the Global 2000, including many of the world’s leading retail, financial services, manufacturing, healthcare, technology and public sector clients are SpringSource customers. For more information visit: [www.springsource.com](http://www.springsource.com).

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Statements made in this press release which are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements and are subject to the safe harbor provisions created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements relate, but are not limited, to the integration of RabbitMQ technologies in SpringSource and VMware product offerings, the capabilities of such technologies and offerings and future benefits to VMware and SpringSource customers. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking

statements as a result of certain risk factors, including but not limited to: (i) adverse changes in general economic or market conditions; (ii) delays or reductions in consumer or information technology spending; (iii) competitive factors, including but not limited to pricing pressures, industry consolidation, entry of new competitors into the virtualization market, and new product and marketing initiatives by our competitors; (iv) our ability to successfully integrate RabbitMQ personnel and technologies into SpringSource and VMware product offerings; and (v) the future development of cloud computing technologies and standards;.

These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and are subject to uncertainties and changes in condition, significance, value and effect as well as other risks detailed in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including VMware's most recent reports on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K that we may file from time to time, which could cause actual results to vary from expectations. VMware disclaims any obligation to update any such forward-looking statements after the date of this release.