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30 years UN/EDIFACT - The global standard for electronic data interchange (EDI)

SEEBURGER receives certificate from the United Nations for best practice in UN/EDIFACT

Bretten, 28 September 2018 - **SEEBURGER AG, market leader for highly complex integration solutions, has been awarded by the United Nations (UN) for its decades of support and exemplary global use of the international data exchange standard UN/EDIFACT (United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport). The award was handed over at the Italian Ministry of Economy (ITA) in Rome during the 30th UN/CEFACT Forum in Italy.**

Digital transformation is changing everybody's life in the B2B, B2C and B2G sectors. Once paper-based processes for exchanging business data have been paperless for over 30 years on the basis of EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) providing an electronic format and a transmission protocol. This accelerates processes, saves costs and meets regulatory requirements.

30 years UN/EDIFACT - The guarantor of success for global digital transformation

Digital technologies for electronic business data exchange require standards. UN/EDIFACT has been the most important cross-industry international standard for e-commerce for 30 years. No data exchange format has become better established and is more widely used internationally in companies and corporations. Initiator and responsible for the publication and maintenance of this standard is UN/CEFACT (United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business).

30 years EDI with SEEBURGER - The engine of digitization

Since its foundation in 1986, SEEBURGER AG has promoted the use of standards in data exchange. SEEBURGER has been using the UN/EDIFACT standard right from the start for a wide variety of industries, such as the automotive industry, trade, mechanical and plant engineering as well as in SEEBURGER solutions and cloud services.

"By participating in UN/CEFACT projects at an early stage, implementing the standards, using them in practice and integrating them into SEEBURGER IT applications and cloud services, we proactively meet the requirements of our globally active customers in the international exchange of business data as opinion leaders and guides. With regular certifications and audits, we are also continuously demonstrating the performance of our applications and cloud services," says Rolf Wessel, Project Manager UN/CEFACT and Product Manager at SEEBURGER AG.

Rolf Wessel leads the UN/CEFACT projects:

- Supply Chain Reference Data Model (SCRDM)
- E-invoicing: Cross Industry Invoice (CII) based on SCRDM
- processes in the supply chain domain in addition to the CII

Other current topics at UN/CEFACT are:

- Other reference data models, e.g. for transport and logistics
- Blockchain and Smart Contracts
- data pipeline
- Internet of Things and Smart Containers

SEEBURGER AG congratulates UN/CEFACT on the 30th anniversary of UN/EDIFACT and thanks for the award and the good cooperation.

For an overview of UN/CEFACT activities, see:

https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/cefact/GuidanceMaterials/UNCEFACT_Brochure.pdf

About UN/CEFACT

The United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) is an international forum for experts from every country to participate in the development of global technological standards, Recommendations and Framework Agreements to promote international trade through the simplification, harmonization and standardization of trade procedures and processes, envisaging the eventual elimination of paper-based transactions in both public sector regulatory systems and private sector supply chains. For more information, visit <http://www.unece.org/cefact> and <http://tfig.unece.org/>.

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About SEEBURGER

SEEBURGER AG is a global provider of business integration solutions that streamline business processes, enable digital transformation and business initiatives, reduce operational costs, facilitate governance and compliance, and provide end-to-end visibility to the farthest edges of the supply chain to maximize ERP effectiveness and drive new efficiencies. Customers can choose between a Cloud Service, an on premise installation or a hybrid business integration solution. With 30 years in the industry, SEEBURGER today is ranked among the top business integration providers by industry analysts and serves thousands of customers in more than 50 countries and 15 industries. Since its foundation in

1986, Bretten has been the company's headquarters. SEEBURGER maintains 11 subsidiaries in Europe, Asia and North America.
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