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## NORDICMIND EARNS HP LINUX ELITE PARTNER DESIGNATION

*Designation Recognizes Nordicmind's Commitment to Mission Critical IT Continuity Solutions on Linux Platform.*

HELSINKI, May 3rd, 2005 - **Nordicmind Ltd**, highly focused provider of IT continuity and infrastructure security solutions, today announced that it has achieved the prestigious status of **HP Linux Elite Partner** - making it one of the First companies in Europe to receive this designation. The designation signifies that Nordicmind has established expertise in mission critical Linux environments and recognizes its ability to deliver high quality, robust solutions to its customers and partners across its operating territory in Scandinavia, Baltic Countries and CIS.

- "HP has accelerated the use of Linux for business critical systems through the company's long support of Linux and strong enterprise strategy", says **Marko Lehtimäki**, Director of Business Development, Nordicmind Ltd. "The Elite designation is an important acknowledgment of our efforts to provide robust mission critical solutions to our partners and customers. Through the Elite partner program, we will be able to further our position as a committed, strategic and trusted advisor in offering the best solutions for IT Continuity."

HP Linux Elite program membership is by invitation only and is one of HP's highest levels of recognizing partner expertise in front of customers. Considerations for membership include: Partner certification status, Customer satisfaction history, Demonstrated expertise in the area of specialization and Clear business focus.

Nordicmind successfully met all comprehensive requirements and now joins a select group of HP Linux Elite Partners with this designation. "Nordicmind is recognized as an experienced and trusted solution provider in the most critical server solutions" said **Tero Eskolin**, Marketing Director, Hewlett-Packard Oy. "Their ability to comprehend and

deliver sound IT continuity solutions is precisely what customers demand from HP's Elite Partners. This status is HP's validation of their ability to provide customers with industry-leading solutions."

#### **About Nordicmind**

*Nordicmind Ltd provides IT Continuity and Information Security solutions for business critical environments with a main objective to serve end-customers in close cooperation with leading system integrators and hardware vendors as a value added distributor in Northern Europe and CIS. Customers represent all industry verticals covering telecommunication, finance, media, healthcare and governmental departments across 11 countries. For more information visit: [www.nordicmind.com](http://www.nordicmind.com)*

#### **About HP**

*HP is a technology solutions provider to consumers, businesses and institutions globally. The company's offerings span IT infrastructure, global services, business and home computing, and imaging and printing. For the four fiscal quarters ended Jan. 31, 2005, HP revenue totaled \$81.8 billion. More information about HP (NYSE, Nasdaq: HPQ) is available at <http://www.hp.com>.*

#### **Further information**

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