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## **Sun Microsystems and State-Ministry of Research and Technology, Republic of Indonesia Establish COSTA to Enhance the Open Source Technology Movement**

*COSTA is the newest addition to Sun Microsystems' 'Technology Awakening Program' Emphasizing Collaboration with Various Education Institutions*

**JAKARTA, November 19, 2008** – Sun Microsystems, the largest commercial contributor of open source today announced a collaboration with the State-Ministry of Research and Technology, Republic of Indonesia (RISTEK) to establish COSTA (Center for Open Source Technology Awakening) to enhance the development of open source technology in Indonesia. The establishment of COSTA coincides with the “100<sup>th</sup> year of Awakening” in Indonesia as Sun Microsystems supports the Indonesian government’s efforts in socializing open technology and legal software to strengthen the local IT industry, as well as to promote Indonesia as an early adopter of open source technology.

COSTA is the newest initiative under Sun Microsystems’ “Technology Awakening Program” aimed at boosting the open technology movement through collaboration with various Indonesian education communities. COSTA is expected to be a center for learning for open technology-based innovations, to assist Indonesia in the adoption and development of open sourced based applications. In the future, COSTA will involve other ministries such as the Ministry of National Education/SEAMOLEC, the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Information and Communication. This will create a network of key organs within the country that use and promote open source technology.

COSTA will utilize RISTEK's network of centers such as the Indonesia Goes Open Source(IGOS) Center and the Open Source Empowerment Center (POSS), which are located throughout Indonesia.

Sun Microsystems will provide support in the following areas:

- Training
- Open source technology curriculum, including access to various software
- Presenting best practices related to policies, regulations, as well as similar initiatives by the governments of other countries.
- Forming an online network for communities
- Providing free consultations for organizations wishing to adopt open technology and legal software
- Assisting the semi-conductor industry by enabling them to adopt the OpenSPARC microprocessor technology

RISTEK's roles are to:

- Provide strategic guidance to run COSTA
- Provide necessary IT resources to support training at COSTA
- Provide infrastructure to run COSTA
- Build and run a call center facility

“Sun continues its commitment in encouraging the adoption of open source in Indonesia. The collaboration between Sun Microsystems and RISTEK to establish COSTA is a significant step in providing access to the most advanced open source technologies to local communities for free. We believe that with more people participating on the network, progress in technological innovation and greater opportunities for growth for the Indonesian economy will abound,” said Wibisono Gumulya, President Director of PT Sun Microsystems Indonesia.

According to Gartner, no other company rivals Sun in its commitment to open source technology. This is evidenced by Sun's robust suite of open source technologies such as OpenSolaris, NetBeans, Java and MySQL. Sun, also collaborates with Microsoft, Dell and Intel, to open source codes for the world's developer communities in order to heighten innovations in diverse fields.

Dr. Ir. Idwan Suhardi, the Deputy Minister of Science and Technology Utilisation and Dissemination said, “COSTA is a big thumbs up from the Indonesian Government represented by RISTEK, to support the open source movement in Indonesia. Sun's unrivaled experience and advanced technology, as well as the Government's vision to bring Indonesia to the forefront of the adoption of free open technology are the primary reasons behind this strategic partnership.”

In 2004, the Indonesian Government announced the IGOS (Indonesia Goes Open Source) program by launching the National Desktop System (NDS). Since then, IGOS has been actively educating, socializing and promoting the use of open source in Indonesia.

“Indonesia is not just a country heavily committed to developing open technology but is also one of the most active countries adopting open source technology. This creates immense opportunity for economic development. Its characteristic of openness can prompt the creation of local innovative companies, regardless of macroeconomic or international challenges,” said Crawford Beveridge, Executive Vice President and Chairman of EMEA, APAC and The Americas, Sun Microsystems.

Aside from officiating at the launch of COSTA, Crawford Beveridge is in Indonesia to consult with various government agencies on public policy issues such as technological policy standards. Mr Beveridge is also the key speaker of the Asia-Africa Open Source Conference in Jakarta where he will speak about the significance of open technology utilization in emerging countries such as Indonesia. The Asia-Africa Open Source Conference, held from November 18 to 19, 2008 is a platform for Asian and African countries to share best practices and discuss challenges in the implementation of open source.

To support the usability of open source technology in the education sector, Mr Beveridge will visit POSS at Gunadarma University, Depok, one of the key centers involved in the roll-out of COSTA. The Head of Gunadarma University, Prof. DR. E.S. Margianti, S.E., M.M said, “Gunadarma University is proud to be a strategic partner of COSTA. We are committed to increasing open source software usability and improving the quality of education in Indonesia; to produce well-trained professionals who are equipped and skilled to compete in

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global markets.”

### **About Sun Microsystems**

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