

Avarent, Business Optimized Compliance Consulting Firm adds new Technology Practice Lead by adding Global Strategic Information Technology Senior Executive Joe Duffy to management team.

Libertyville, IL., USA - (2 November 2010) – Avarent, a leading business optimized compliance consulting firm, today announced the addition of a new technology practice to their specialized array of consulting services for clients in the pharmaceutical, medical devices, biotech and related industries. Joe Duffy, a well-respected and highly accomplished global strategic information technology senior executive, has joined Avarent to lead this new practice.

“Joe brings high level experience delivering cost effective and compliant solutions to clients,” said Ian Fleming, Senior Partner at Avarent. “As the market for medical devices and pharmaceutical products becomes more competitive, we see technology as a driver for increased margins and reduced cost of compliance and quality.”

Thomas Dzierozynski, also a Senior Partner at Avarent, commented that: “As regulated industries continue to drive efficiencies and maintain competitive advantage through the use of technology, they are often challenged by ever changing regulations regarding these systems. With Joe’s combined experience in technology and regulated systems, he will provide an immediate benefit to our customers in meeting these challenges.”

Joe Duffy is a senior level global technology executive with extensive highly regarded C-level experience in regulated industries’ information technology and product development. His strong combination of regulated global business process experience and extensive technology skills adds a new key dimension to the Avarent advantage for customers: deep application and infrastructure expertise for mission critical regulated systems. Mr. Duffy has lead multi-cultural teams in 27 countries driving key high ROI projects using top tier products from SAP, JD Edwards, Oracle, IBM, Microsoft, Apple, Cisco, Sun, and many others. “I am thrilled to be a part of the Avarent team and to have the opportunity to serve our global customers,” said Mr. Duffy after joining Avarent.

About Avarent

Avarent was founded in 2003 on the basis that business and compliance are not mutually exclusive goals. Our staff has direct experience in working in operations and compliance to deliver value-based consultancy that includes: Quality System audits, strategic and tactical execution of worldwide quality system and validation projects, project management, technology solutions and regulatory submissions. We continue to be actively involved in assisting regulated clients worldwide in meeting the current regulatory trends specific to quality management systems, risk management, supplier quality, software and process validation, and medical device regulatory submissions. More information on Avarent is available at www.avarent.com.

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