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**CrimsonLogic, RwandaOnline Platform & Rwanda Development Board to Jointly Launch the Rwanda Technology Associate Programme**

*New initiative to build a pool of local IT professionals to enhance Rwanda's global competitiveness*

**SINGAPORE / RWANDA, Kigali – 31 July 2015** – CrimsonLogic, a leading provider of eGovernment solutions and services, together with RwandaOnline Platform Limited (ROPL), a technology solutions provider that seeks to provide Rwanda citizens and businesses an improved interaction with the Government of Rwanda; and Rwanda Development Board ICT Department (RDB ICT Department), a government institution in charge of accelerating economic growth and development in Rwanda; have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to jointly launch the Rwanda Technology Associate Programme (RTAP).

The aim of the new RTAP initiative is to invest and develop young talents to further augment the local pool of IT professionals in Rwanda. This initiative is targeted at fresh IT graduates with programming experience, such as Java and .NET, to undergo an additional six months of intensive on-the-job training and gain practical working experience on real-life projects. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to secure professional certifications, with the possibility of attractive job offers from CrimsonLogic and ROPL to work on local or regional projects.



“The RTAP initiative is part of our planned investment to groom talents and support the local education programs, where these hand-picked graduates will be exposed to global business experiences and best-technology-practices from Singapore, as well as the markets we are present in,” said Eugene Wong, Chairman, CrimsonLogic. “We are highly appreciative that RDB ICT Department is supportive of this initiative. Our partnership with ROPL in this initiative is also a statement of our commitment to Rwanda as the country continues to be a long-term strategic focus for CrimsonLogic.”

“On top of investing in the RTAP initiative, we are currently evaluating appropriate sites for a new office in Rwanda. This new office is expected to be a regional hub for our business operations and project implementations. It will also be a solution showcase for customers as we widen our business footprint in the Africa region.”

CrimsonLogic will be investing in up to 20 graduates annually for three years. The initial intake of graduates will be recruited from the University of Rwanda and Adventist University. More Universities will be considered as the programme matures.

Clement Uwajeneza, ROPL CEO, said: “ROPL has been working steadily to transform Rwanda into a sustainable knowledge economy by enabling efficient delivery of government services through its recently launched Irembo Platform. The professionals that will be created through the RTAP program will be of great input for the company sustainability and growth. They will be great candidates



for our Third Party Developers program that will allow any skilled developer to create eGov.Services and connect them to our platform.”

ROPL, together with CrimsonLogic, will be responsible for the recruitment and monitoring of selected graduates' progress. RDB will be supporting and endorsing the entire programme.

Regis Gatarayiha, Acting Head of RDB ICT Department, said: “With ROPL and CrimsonLogic working together, the knowledge and experience sharing will help to build local capabilities and boost our competitiveness in the global business community. By bringing global best practices into Rwanda, especially domain knowledge in strategic areas to our local talents, we are on track to groom our next generation of IT professionals who will enhance our productivity through technology.”

CrimsonLogic is currently working with ROPL to implement Irembo Platform, a national initiative to migrate Rwanda's Government Services to Citizens and Businesses onto one online portal. This includes converting and digitising 100 existing manual services (traditional paper-based government agency services) to online ones. This is CrimsonLogic's second project in Rwanda, as the company has been implementing various projects in Africa for more than 10 years, including countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique and Namibia.

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**About RwandaOnline**

RwandaOnline ([www.rwandaonline.rw](http://www.rwandaonline.rw)) is, at its core, a pure game changer in the continent as it aims to positively improve the lives of Rwandan citizens and businesses by enabling the digitisation of all government services. The company employs 40 persons and is focused on its mission to "Build and operate a platform that enables the automated and online provision of services to citizens and businesses" by leveraging on the strong alliances they have built with key local and international partner.

**About RDB**

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