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I want to let you know that IBM iCluster for IBM Power Systems, a logical replication software product for high availability and disaster recovery that runs on the IBM i operating system, has been acquired by Rocket Software, Inc. Transfer of ownership for the iCluster product, as well as ongoing business operations, was completed at the end of December.

We believe this move will be positive for both IBM and our clients. Rocket Software is a large, global company and a long-standing enterprise software partner of IBM's, with an excellent track record of delivering value to clients. In 2009, Rocket Software acquired IBM's U2 data server assets – UniData, UniVerse and the related tools business.

- Rocket iCluster will become a new brand within Rocket's Storage, Networks and Compliance business unit and will expand on Rocket's breadth of solutions for IBM i. Rocket Software plans to continue to invest in developing and supporting iCluster. HA Assist, a derivative offering of the iCluster product, is also included in the sale to Rocket Software. HA Assist for IBM i is a specially priced and packaged offering of iCluster, which may be used in conjunction with PowerHA SystemMirror for i, for specific situations.
- IBM will continue to develop and sell IBM PowerHA SystemMirror for IBM i, as well as offer a PowerHA SystemMirror solution for the AIX operating system. In addition, IBM will collaborate with Rocket Software and other ISVs that sell logical replication solutions for IBM i.

We will work with Rocket Software to ensure that support calls are seamlessly routed and support delivery is unaffected. In most instances, the product contacts with whom you or your clients work today will not change as a result of this transaction.

The FAQ section below will help you and your sellers respond to inquiries from clients.

### **IBM iCluster for IBM i Divestiture Frequently Asked Questions** *Confidential until January 4, 2012*

**1. Q. What are you announcing today?**

A. Rocket Software has acquired an IBM software product: IBM iCluster for IBM i.

**2. Q. What is the purpose of iCluster software?**

A. iCluster provides a high availability and disaster recovery solution for IBM i application environments. It is a logical replication solution for the IBM i operating system.

**3. Q. How is iCluster positioned with IBM PowerHA SystemMirror for IBM i?**

A. There are two approaches to providing high availability / disaster recovery solutions for IBM i – logical replication and hardware clustering. Both solutions replicate data from a production system to a backup system and enable switching between the two systems in the event of an outage on the production system. IBM previously offered both types of solutions: iCluster for logical replication and PowerHA SystemMirror for hardware clustering.

Going forward, IBM clients will continue to have a broad range of choices for their high availability / disaster recovery solution. IBM will continue to develop and sell IBM PowerHA SystemMirror for IBM i, as well offer a PowerHA SystemMirror solution for the AIX operating system. In addition, IBM will collaborate with Rocket and other ISVs that sell logical replication solutions for IBM i.

**4. Q. Who is Rocket Software?**

A. Rocket is a long standing IBM enterprise software partner with a proven track record for delivering value to clients. Rocket's IBM i products include Rocket Seagull and Rocket Aldon application development and life cycle management products.

**5. Q. Will IBM Business Partners still be able to sell iCluster?**

A. While transitioning business operations to Rocket, IBM plans to continue offering iCluster through its IBM Business Partner channel. During this transition period, clients may continue to order iCluster from IBM as they do today.

**6. Q. How will clients using iCluster be supported?**

A. During the transition period, IBM will work with Rocket to ensure that support calls are seamlessly routed and support delivery is unaffected.

**7. Q. What was the sales price?**

A. Financial terms and conditions were not released.

8. **Q. Has the deal closed?**

A. Yes, it closed on December 31, 2011.

9. **Q. Is HA Assist included in the acquisition?**

A. Yes. HA Assist is a derivative offering of the iCluster product and is included in the sale to Rocket. HA Assist for IBM i is a specially priced and packaged offering of iCluster, which may be used in conjunction with PowerHA SystemMirror for i. HA Assist is used in limited situations where clients require replication of legacy objects, such as System/36 objects, that are not supported via Independent Auxiliary Storage Pools or the Cluster Administrative Domain.

10. **Q. Has Rocket Software purchased other IBM assets?**

A. Yes, in 2009 it acquired IBM's U2 data server assets – UniData, UniVerse and the related tools business.

11. **Q. What other divestitures is IBM planning?**

A. IBM does not comment on its future plans.

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