

## **/ Wellington Partners invests in software specialist Meiosys /**

*Munich, May 19, 2003.* The second round of funding for Meiosys, which will be led by Wellington Partners, will also include Cisco Systems, Inc. and Partech International. France-based Meiosys develops and markets software that provides high availability of mission-critical applications and offers cost savings over conventional solutions with similar performance. Lead investor Wellington Partners, along with Cisco Systems and French-based VC specialist Partech International, are investing EUR 5.5 million in Meiosys.

Financed thus far by local seed investors, the company is focusing on a software solution for one of today's most pressing IT problems: assuring high availability for mission-critical applications (e.g. in connection with financial applications or for controlling production systems). "More and more business processes are based upon smoothly operating information technology, and outages can quickly add up to millions of dollars in damage," explains Wellington Partner Bart Markus. "With the solution from Meiosys, enterprises can safeguard themselves against outages without first having to invest millions in new hardware or custom software solutions."

The heart of the Meiosys solution consists of software that works totally independent of the operating system and the application that is protected – a crucial advantage over conventional solutions, as this independence significantly reduces implementation and maintenance costs. Its two components, Metaprocess and Metacluster, assure that individual programs can transition to an appropriate backup solution in the event of outages without the application noticing that the transition has taken place. Simpler methods are based on cold fail-over technology, costing time and leading to data and application context loss during this temporary outage.

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Created in 2000, **MEIOSYS** ( formerly CIMAI Technology) is a software product company specialized in High Availability solutions for business critical and mission critical applications and systems. MetaProcess™ and MetaCluster™ are developed by MEIOSYS R&D labs. The expertise of our employees comes from the most demanding industries: Telco, Finance, Manufacturing and C3I, acquired with reputed corporations (including Sun Microsystems, Thales, Alcatel, Cap Gemini Ernst & Young) MEIOSYS generated its first revenue in 2001 through customers coming from Fortune 1000 corporations and governmental institutions. The Company is headquartered in Toulouse, France with offices in Paris, France and Palo Alto, California. Further Information: [www.meiosys.com](http://www.meiosys.com)

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