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Dear Essbase® XTD Administration Services User:

Hyperion® is pleased to announce a new release of Essbase XTD Administration Services Release 6.5.1, a key component of Essbase® XTD and Hyperion's Business Performance Management Suite. Essbase XTD Administration Services, the new framework for managing and maintaining Essbase, increases your productivity when working in a single or multiple Essbase server environments. By combining a single point of administration with easy-to-use wizards, common administration tasks, such as migrating databases from development to production, will be a snap. You can save time by running common processes, such as calculations, in the background, which allows you to continue administering your Essbase servers.

Essbase XTD Administration Services extends the power of Essbase in many ways:

> **Multiple platform support** - Both the middle tier Administration server and the client console are pure Java products that run on multiple platforms. Essbase XTD Administration Services runs on all Essbase server supported platforms, including Sun Solaris, IBM AIX, HP-UX, Microsoft Windows NT, Microsoft Windows 2000, and Microsoft Windows XP.

> **Graphical view of Essbase** - The Essbase XTD Administration Services console provides a graphical view of the Essbase environment, called Enterprise View. Enterprise View includes only those Essbase objects to which you have access. You can operate directly on Essbase objects from this view. You can also create your own customized views, which mirror the way you work. These views and your custom preferences are stored on the middle tier Administration server. As a result, your personalized environment is always propagated to any machine that you use to connect to Essbase XTD Administration Services.

> **Single sign-on to Essbase enterprise environment -** When you log in to Essbase XTD Administration Services, the Administration server handles your connections to Essbase servers, applications, and databases. You do not need to connect to individual Essbase objects or servers after your initial login to Essbase XTD Administration Services.

> **Wizards -** Two wizards are provided in this release to help you step through complex processes. A user setup wizard steps you through the process of creating Essbase XTD Administration Services users and associating those users with specific Essbase servers to administer. A migration wizard guides you through the process of migrating applications and databases from one server to another and enables you to choose which objects and properties to migrate.

> **Asynchronous processing ("fire and forget") -** You can start a process, such as a calculation, and run that process in the background. You can then perform other tasks or exit the console while the process continues to run. A message panel in the console window tells you when the process is completed.

> **Across-server copying of Essbase objects** - From Enterprise View, you can copy applications, databases, and related files (calculation scripts, report scripts, rules files, filters, and so on) from one Essbase server to another, regardless of platform.

Essbase XTD Administration Services Release 6.5.1 supports all of the primary server operating systems, including Sun Solaris, IBM AIX, HP-UX, Microsoft Windows NT, Windows 2000, and Windows XP.

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The Hyperion Customer Support staff is available to assist you with requests regarding this new release. You may order Essbase Release 6.5.1 through Customer Support by calling 1-877-901-HYSL (4975).

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