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Dear Essbase® XTD Administration Services Project Leader:

Hyperion® is pleased to send you a new version of Essbase XTD Administration Services, Release 6.5.3, which is a key component of Hyperion® 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, become simple to execute. You can also save time by running common processes, such as calculations, in the background, which allows you to continue to carry out other administrative tasks simultaneously.

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

Enterprise View - Users can leverage a centralized, graphical tree view of the Essbase XTD environment. Each administrator can access a personalized view that only shows the servers, applications, databases and other objects they manage

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.

Single sign-on to Essbase environment - When you login 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 - Wizards step you through processes such as creating Essbase XTD Administration Services users and associating those users with specific Essbase servers to administer, and migrating applications and databases from one server to another.

Background Processing - You can execute calculations, reports, data loads, and dimension builds in the background (also referred to as asynchronous processing). You can then perform other tasks or exit the Essbase XTD Administration Services Console while the process continues to run. You can check the status of background processes using the Background Process Status window.

Cross-server copying of Essbase objects - You can copy applications, databases, and related files (calculation scripts, report scripts, rules files, filters etc.) from one Essbase XTD Analytic Services server to another, regardless of platform.

You can obtain more information about new features specific to this release, as well as issues fixed in this release by reviewing the Readme file. Installation instructions, readme notes and installation program are included in this package. All other documentation is included in the installation of Essbase Administration Services 6.5.1.

Essbase XTD Administration Services Release 6.5.3 supports all of the primary server operating systems, including Sun Solaris, IBM AIX, HP-UX, Microsoft Windows NT, Windows 2000, and Windows XP.

If you have not already done so, we invite you to visit www.essbase.com, a community Web site provided by Hyperion for Hyperion Essbase XTD Platform users, administrators, and developers. Essbase.com provides discussion groups, software downloads, software demonstrations, technical webcasts, product technical documentation, white papers, and more.

The Hyperion Customer Support staff is available to assist you with requests regarding this new release. You may call Client Support at (877) 901-4975 in North America, +65 224-2242 in Asia, or your local Support office. For non-urgent issues, please submit a Support Request Form on the Hyperion Support Web page at Hyperion.com or send an email to client_support@hyperion.com.

We are delighted that you have chosen Essbase Administration Services to address the business intelligence needs of your organization. We are confident that you will gain substantial benefits from its use. We appreciate any feedback on our products and services, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Hyperion Essbase XTD Product Marketing