



HarvestRoad Partners with Moodle to Deliver Learning Object Repository Solution Worldwide

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Perth, Western Australia: eLearning software developer HarvestRoad (ASX:HRD) today announces it has signed a Partnership Agreement with Moodle, the Open Source Course Management System gaining extensive worldwide market share.

Under the terms of the agreement HarvestRoad's eLearning solution HarvestRoad Hive® will be the preferred and recommended Learning Object Repository solution for Moodle.

Moodle is designed to help educators who want to create quality online courses by mixing content with powerful collaborative activities. Moodle is available in more than 60 languages, and is used by over 5,000 known organisations worldwide including universities, schools, companies and independent educators.

Moodle is a very strong alternative to proprietary commercial online learning solutions and is distributed free under the GPL open source license. Under this license an organisation has complete access to the source code and Moodle's modular design makes it easy for programmers to extend the system with new functionality if required.

Commenting on the Agreement HarvestRoad Managing Director, Grame Barty says, "HarvestRoad is delighted to formalise its relationship with the Moodle community. We are impressed with worldwide take up of Moodle and the way the open source foundation and Moodle Partners' program operates. The combination of HarvestRoad Hive®, as a commercial off-the-shelf digital repository with Moodle, an open-source learning management system, is completely consistent with our strategy of offering clients best of breed solutions – especially unprecedented value and functionality - to manage knowledge and learning objects. We are very excited about the international market and sales opportunities that this partnership will bring."

Martin Dougiamas, Moodle Founder and Lead Developer comments, "Moodle sees real value for users in our partnership with HarvestRoad and we are thrilled about this development. The integration of the HarvestRoad Hive® repository with Moodle provides a powerful solution today for storing, managing and sharing data within our LMS that we did not have before and one that is better than any other software we have come across globally. This capability will be particularly valuable to several national-level Moodle deployments that are currently under consideration, as well as many of our institutional and corporate customers."

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About HarvestRoad

HarvestRoad is a software development company based in Perth, Western Australia, with branch offices in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Mexico City, Atlanta, USA, London and Paris and global partners in Europe, UK, USA, Latin America, and Asia. Established in 1996 and publicly listed on the Australian Stock Exchange [ASX: HRD] in September 1999, HarvestRoad has developed software for the eLearning and eTraining markets in education, government, defense, and enterprise.

About Moodle

Moodle is based in Perth, Western Australia with a network of Moodle Partner companies around the world providing services such as hosting, consulting and custom development for the Moodle software (<http://moodle.com>). The Moodle Partners fund the Moodle project (<http://moodle.org>), which uses open source and open community methods to coordinate and integrate the efforts of nearly 200 developers worldwide to produce free Moodle software that enables anyone to use the internet for effective education.