

Claire Murchie Joins Azaleos Corporation as Vice President of Services Delivery

Managed messaging solution appliance provider expands executive team by adding former Microsoft executive

Redmond, Wash. – Oct. 11, 2005 – Azaleos Corporation, a pioneer in the delivery of messaging solution appliances built on the Microsoft technology platform, today named Claire Murchie as Vice President of Services Delivery. The addition of a technology industry veteran strengthens Azaleos' executive team as the company moves forward with its aggressive plans for growth.

With two decades of experience implementing IT solutions at Fortune 500 organizations, Murchie will be responsible for leading Azaleos' service delivery efforts including both the Network Operations Center and Deployment teams.

"With her proven track record delivering business process improvement as well as her experience in project and group management, Claire is an ideal addition to our executive team," said Roger Gerdes, chief executive officer of Azaleos. "The rising complexity of email continues to drive increased messaging costs, fueling the need for our Exchange 2003 appliance and managed service offering. As this trend continues, Claire will drive our service delivery and deployment efforts while also playing a significant role in the progression of our ambitious growth plans."

Prior to joining Azaleos, Murchie worked at Microsoft for 7 years. Most recently Murchie was the Senior Director of the managed solutions operations team. In this role, she led the operations organization for the Microsoft Managed Solutions (MMS) pilot project, building the team and the operational support processes used by the first MMS customer. Previously, as Senior Director of Global Client Software, Murchie managed a \$10M budget as well as a team of over 60 program management, development, testing, support, web content and user communications personnel. Before Microsoft, Murchie was the Founder and CEO of Sage Pursuits, LLC, a provider of management and technical consulting services.

Murchie's hiring is the latest example of Azaleos' steady expansion and strong performance, which follows a successful company launching, company move to Redmond, WA, and close of Series B financing led by Ignition Partners with participation by Second Avenue Partners.

"The success Azaleos has achieved since launching earlier this year, the size of the addressable market, and the existing management team were huge factors in my decision to join the company," said Claire Murchie, vice president of services delivery at Azaleos. "IT organizations have long since recognized the value of Microsoft Exchange and the importance of a robust Exchange environment. Azaleos' reputation is built upon Exchange innovation and expertise, and I welcome the opportunity to manage and maintain the high level of service delivery current and future customers expect."

Azaleos' products and services are built upon the Microsoft Windows Server and Exchange 2003 technologies in order to serve the 50+ percent of businesses in the world running Microsoft Exchange for e-mail. Azaleos offers mid-market and enterprise companies deploying between 1,000 and 30,000 Exchange seats a fully redundant hardware/software Exchange 2003 appliance. Deployed in the customer's network, the appliance is proactively monitored 24x7, automatically patched and kept healthy.

About Azaleos Corporation

Azaleos Corporation is a pioneer in the delivery of remotely managed, high performance and high availability messaging solution appliances built on the Microsoft technology platform. Azaleos has partnered with some of the most trusted names in the IT industry to deliver the first appliance product and managed service enabling companies to maximize their e-mail investments by meeting high availability needs and dramatically reducing maintenance and management costs. Azaleos' appliances and managed services will become the standard for companies seeking to exploit the power of true enterprise e-mail appliances built on the Microsoft technology platform.

Customers turn to Azaleos to meet their Exchange 2003 high availability needs, to minimize operational resource spending, and to eliminate the e-mail infrastructure maintenance and management burden.

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