



## Inland Revenue Approved Topaz Celebrate Accreditation

Topaz has always been at the cutting edge of business solution development. Over the past couple of years their leading edge HR and payroll software - Topaz EMS has been revolutionised with substantial enhancements in the areas of web kiosk access, statutory payments and their ease of process, Staff Individualised Returns, Pay Scales as well as many new HR features.

Topaz are thrilled to announce that they are now part of a small minority of companies able to meet the stringent standards set by the Inland Revenue to receive full Accreditation for the Payroll module of their integrated Payroll, HR and Time and Attendance solution – Topaz EMS.

“With over 20 years experience in HR and Payroll solutions Topaz has enabled many companies to be more efficient, profitable and to gain competitive edge, ” said Geoff Griffiths, Managing Director of Topaz. “We are delighted to receive this Inland Revenue Accreditation as a further demonstration of our commitment to delivering benefits through technology,” he continued.

To receive accreditation a rigorous testing process has to be adhered to. The testing process went very smoothly with a member from the Inland Revenue standards team commenting that Topaz was among the best accreditation sites they had visited in terms of their professional approach to testing and how quickly the IR were in a position to award accreditation to Topaz. Very strict standards are set and the Topaz team worked hard in conjunction with the Inland Revenue to ensure Topaz EMS met these standards, with automated testing playing a vital role in ensuring this. Topaz is currently the only accredited company to use the automated testing software WinRunner. This software ensures that the testing is accurate, faster and produces more reliable results – it takes the human error element out of the equation.

Topaz has built up an excellent working relationship with the Inland Revenue, which will continue to progress and grow. Development and testing is a continual process and this accreditation provides Topaz customers with the added assurance that Topaz will always comply with all legal requirements imposed by the Government along with guaranteeing their software has the required functionality to facilitate even the most complex payroll transactions.

Topaz continue to lead the way by also having eFiling certification - With existing clients successfully using Internet filing (via XML) at the last tax year end (2003/04) and taking advantage of the software's audit trails, error message downloads, history reports throughout the submission process along with receipts of successful and unsuccessful submissions. This is increasingly important for companies with 250+ employees, as the IR have stated that they must electronically file their End of Year Returns by 2004-05 (19 May 2005).

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## Notes to editors:

### About Topaz

Topaz was founded in 1989 by a group of like-minded business professionals and began life creating bespoke software solutions and supporting third party applications. At the core of Topaz business solutions are software applications that have been developed by its highly experienced team of software engineers. From inception to delivery, Topaz solutions are produced with the highest level of professionalism.

The company's many years of experience in software development to formal specifications produce both highly flexible packaged solutions and bespoke applications. Topaz's strict quality procedures ensure software is produced to high, exacting standards to a common template that has evolved over many years.

Topaz EMS is an integrated Payroll and HR solution with an optional Time and Attendance module, its inherent flexibility and ease of use, lends itself to many different sectors of the market providing numerous time and cost saving benefits. Whilst being competitively priced the solution is regarded as one of the most comprehensive systems on the market today. The consultancy services Topaz provide ranges from complex business process re-engineering to production of GAP analysis reports and ultimately technical specifications.

Topaz Financials covers all aspects of a financial accounting solution including sales, purchase and nominal ledgers, cashbook and fixed assets and specialise in key areas like credit control, commitment and project accounting. Their growing user base acknowledge the quality of software developed by Topaz but also the essential services and on-going support. Users come from a range of business sectors and include Education, Recruitment, Manufacturing, Professional Services and Distribution.

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