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UK's Leading Independent Holistic Security Advisors gain Information Security Management Accolade

ISO 27001 provides badge of information security assurance

Advent IM, the UK's leading independent advisors on holistic information and physical security, is pleased to announce its successful award of ISO 27001, the internationally renowned standard that supports the implementation of information security management systems and processes.

ISO 27001 is one in a series of standards aimed at helping organisations to understand the processes they need in place to appropriately secure information assets. ISO 27001 is the only auditable international standard which defines the requirements for an Information Security Management System (ISMS) through the selection of adequate and proportionate security controls. The standard adopts a process approach for establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining, and improving your ISM.

Successful certification not only helps you to protect your information assets but gives confidence to any interested parties, especially your customers that you are looking after their data.

Although, working towards the principles of the ISO 27001 standard for many years, Advent IM took the decision to move from compliance to certification to support the advisory services it provides to both the public and private sectors on a wide range of security issues including information security, physical security, business continuity, data protection and PCI-DSS compliance.

As an advocate of best practice themselves, delivering advice to customers on implementing ISO 27001 and BS 25999, Advent IM understands the benefits of complying and certifying to management system standards. Explains Mike Gillespie, Managing Director of Advent IM Ltd, "Certification to ISO 27001 delivers a number of positives to our company. It gives us a competitive edge, enhances our brand reputation when bidding for projects, improves business performance and helps us

manage business risk. This in turn reduces time and costs associated with delivering our services whilst assuring our customers of our commitment to information security - a vital requirement in an advisory business such as ours.”

Advent IM is keen to enhance its commitment to information security through continuous improvement and review, a key requirement of continued certification. It also plans to merge its information security management system with its quality management system to streamline processes and procedures.

More information on ISO 27001, ISO 9001 and BS 25999 can be found at www.bsigroup.co.uk.

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About Advent IM

Advent IM is the UK's leading independent specialist consultancy, focusing on information security and physical security management solutions for information, people and physical assets, across both the public and private sectors. Established in 2002, Advent IM is a centre of excellence for protective security services, promoting the benefits of best practice guidelines and standards and the need to address risk management to protect against potential threats.

From its offices in the Midlands and London, its Consultants work nationwide and boast over 100 years' experience between them. Advent IM's Consultants are members of the C ESG Listed Advisor Scheme (CLAS), Institute of Information Security Professionals (IISP), The Security Institute (Syl) and British Computer Society.

Consultants are also Lead Auditors for the International standard for information security management (ISO 27001) and business continuity management (BS 25999), Practitioners of PRINCE2, a recognised project management methodology widely used within the public sector, CISSP qualified, members of the Business Continuity Institute (BCI) and Home Office trained physical security assessors.