ASX announcement
InfoMaster product scores global recognition with City of Ryde

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The Board of Melbourne-based Sirius Corporation Ltd (ASX: SIU) is pleased to report that InfoMaster, its wholly owned subsidiary, has scored a significant coup with its flagship product, MasterView, securing global recognition.

Its InfoMaster product, essentially blending software, consultancy and maintenance services to inform clients about procurement choices, that has been successfully utilised by the City of Ryde in north-central Sydney – so much so, that Ryde's application of the technology was, in turn, recognised by the US-based *Computerworld* Honours Program for its work on document and records management.

The City of Ryde was chosen as a finalist in the world-renowned awards program, and also became one of few Australian organisations to have achieved Laureate status during the past two decades.

City of Ryde's Information, Integration & Compliance Manager, Linda Shave, said that in 2007 the local government body faced challenges in capturing, managing and preserving its information assets, and needed to better leverage its printer "fleet", its business intelligence solution, and its enterprise document and records management system.

It set about extending the functionality of its existing IT platform to digitise processes and provide a single view of the information to both internal and external stakeholders. This led to a rise in community satisfaction to 81 per cent, and a decline in staff turnover to below 11 per cent.

Shave said that having the ability to access a single view of information assets enabled real-time access to integrated customer information. She said that this, in turn, helped to enhance data accuracy and substantively improve client community services because City of Ryde employees were able to make more rapid, better-informed decisions.

"I call it virtual information mining," Shave said. "It is about producing a single view – going for the holy grail of business intelligence in a true sense. By using InfoMaster we have put all of our business tools into virtual space – in IT speak it's a 'virtual cloud' housing all of our data, processes and business tools."

Shave said the 'digital explosion' and the need for a single view of enterprise information assets using virtual information mining allowed enterprise solutions to be designed and developed regardless of data location: "It's what I call eBI – enterprise business intelligence – and the InfoMaster toolbox makes it work," she said.

Via the use of InfoMaster, the City of Ryde claims it is now able to inquire about, track, report on and budget for all business activities in real time, and respond more rapidly to 'e-discovery' requests under the *Australian Government Information Public Access Act* (GIPA), previously not possible under its disconnected paper-based system.

The City of Ryde is not yet paper-less but is working towards this goal. Despite having bought further storage equipment gear to cater for the digitisation, Shave maintains that the move is more cost-effective than paper-based processes.

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