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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Banco Guipuzcoano France chooses the Viveo group to manage its SIT and SEPA payment instruments.**

*Paris, 6 October 2008* – A leading player in IT and banking consultancy, the Viveo group has announced **the signing of a new contract with the French branch of Banco Guipuzcoano**, the prominent Spanish bank, for the **provision and installation** of a software solution, **V.bank Payment**, for the global management of its payment instruments. This technological choice is a follow-on from the **close working relationship built up over more than 15 years between the publishers and the Basque Country bank**, specialized in cross-border operations between France and Spain. It will allow the French subsidiary of Banco Guipuzcoano to manage its **SIT** (*Système Interbancaire de Télécompensation*) and **SEPA** (*Single Euro Payment Area*) **payment instruments using a single platform**. The signing of this new contract enables the Viveo group to further establish its expertise, proven technology and proficiency as regards the issues involved in the world of banking.

Nicolas METIVIER, the Director of the Payment Business Unit for the Viveo group, explained, *“The choice of our solution was an integral part of the strategy of the French subsidiary of Banco Guipuzcoano to rapidly benefit from a payment instrument management platform that is perfectly suited to its size and to both current and future business requirements. Aside from the technological pertinence and the exhaustiveness of V.Bank Payment, this choice is proof our ability to respond to the regulatory requirements of a bank that has to implement a management system for European payment instruments.”*

Under the terms of the agreement, the Viveo group is to supply a turnkey software solution, V.bank Payment, for managing payment instruments. It will be responsible for its deployment and the various inherent services. The solution is due to be in production by October 2008.

#### **About the Viveo group**

*A strategic partner of banks and financial establishments, the Viveo group has developed a comprehensive and modular range of software and services that respond to all their operational, technological or regulatory issues. It is currently positioned as the only European player, combining consulting and publishing activities, able to cover the end to end aspects of a banking project. Its ambitious R & D policy (20 000 man days) enables it to offer the most accomplished range of banking software on the market in terms of technology (Service Orientated Architecture “SOA”), business performance. Bolstered by experience gained from over 25 years in the Banking world, the Viveo group currently has over 700 customers in more than 30 countries.*