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MB Financial Bank Licenses Surecomp's End-to-end Trade Finance Solution -
 15 Sep 11

Chicago-based MB Financial Bank has licensed Surecomp's end-to-end trade finance solution. Based on the agreement, MB will deploy allTRA, a Java J2E back office trade finance system, and allNETT, the vendor's Java J2E Web-based trade finance front end. MB intends to harness the power and flexibility of Surecomp's fully integrated solution and become a major regional player in the trade finance business.

"We strive to be the best provider of financial services to small and mid-sized businesses in the Chicago metropolitan area and the other selected markets we serve, as well as to individuals living or working near our banking centres," said Scott Baranski, MB Financial Bank's senior vice president (SVP), international banking. "At MB, we are committed to providing personalised, relationship-oriented service that our customers value. Our continued success over the past 100 years is the combination of a highly-talented and energised workforce supported by effective and efficient operating systems."

"MB understood the need to implement a trade services solution that would allow our corporate customers to concentrate on their core business," added Baranski. "Our success is all about partnering with our customers and suppliers. And in Surecomp we found a partner that not only matches our high standards, but also demonstrates a profound knowledge of our business and that of our corporate customers."

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gtnews Highlights

This week's gtnews focus looks at issues being discussed at [Sibos 2011](#) in Toronto. Stay tuned to find out the winners of the [2011 Global Corporate Treasury Awards](#) – 20 September. Read the latest [Risk Blog](#) from contributing editor Kevin Lester

Bottom line:

Finding ways to unlock your cash



Commentary

Crucial Times for the Euro - 15 Sep 2011
 The past week has further momentous events as the financial markets get buffeted by the European sovereign debt saga entering a new dangerous phase.

Commentary

Creative Supplier Financing - 15 Sep 2011
 The continuing series of developments in supplier financing is benefitting buyers and suppliers alike, and continuing financing challenges mean we're likely to see still more innovations before long.

Commentary

ICB Report Recommendations: Promoting Financial Stability - 13 Sep 2011
 The report from the Independent Commission on Banking (ICB) launched yesterday has several recommendations to restructure and reform the UK banking sector.

Blog

The Challenge of Modelling Financial Risk - 13 Sep 2011
 When Myron Scholes predicted a 'golden age' for risk modelling in a recent article in Risk magazine, it likely caused more than a few eyebrows to be raised in surprise. After all, surely one of the lessons to be learned from the financial crisis was that our attempts to model and quantify financial risk are misguided at best and dangerous at worst, and a move towards a softer, more intuitive, approach to risk measurement was inevitable?

Commentary

What do the Techs Tell Us? - 08 Sep 2011
 While economists globally write frantically about where we may be heading in the future and central bankers wrestle to halt the runaway train, this article looks for inspiration from the technical outlook.

Blog

Supply Chain Finance Blog
Part 3: Optimising Working Capital: The Devil is in

the Details - 06 Sep 2011

When setting up a working capital optimisation plan, what component in the value chain is the best candidate for optimisation?

Commentary

IT in the Cloud - 25 Aug 2011

Is cloud technology taking off in Asia? Security and regulatory issues persist as barriers across the region, making companies wary about moving too fast.

Commentary

2011 Global Corporate Treasury Awards - Shortlist - 23 Aug 2011

At a time when treasury departments are doing much more with a lot less, best practice in treasury needs to be highlighted and celebrated. The gtnews Global Corporate Treasury Awards, now in their second year, are dedicated to recognising and rewarding the very best in corporate treasury, celebrating the great and the good of the industry.

Survey Results

Heading Towards Centralised Control and Integration - 22 Aug 2011

Overall, integration and centralisation were the dominant themes to come out of the gtnews 2011 Cash Management and Trade Finance Survey. Treasurers are increasingly looking to other areas of the business to make improvements in working capital and more treasurers are likely to take ownership of trade finance, financial risk management and working capital management in future.

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Are the European Leaders Acting Like King Canute? - 18 Aug 2011

The rejection of the European bond is yet another example of how Europe is run for the benefit of the strongest members, at the expense of those who are weakest.

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The Fallout from Equity Weakness - 12 Aug 2011

The past week has been fraught with market dips. What effect will this have on currency fluctuations?

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Getting the Most Out of Your TMS - 09 Aug 2011

With limited personnel and IT resources, corporate treasuries are relying on treasury management systems (TMS) to alleviate the strain. However, the recent gtnews 2011 Treasury Management Systems Survey found that most do not fully use all of the TMS' capabilities. This feature is part of the 2011 Buyer's Guide to TMS.

Blog

The Role of Market Forecasting in Risk Management - 05 Aug 2011

Given the limitations involved in forecasting financial markets, it is important to consider the appropriate role of market forecasts within the risk management process. The role of the forecaster should not be confused with that of a fortune-teller looking to predict the future.

Blog

Regulation Blog

Part 4: EBA's 2011 Stress Tests: The Results are In - 02 Aug 2011

In this instalment of his gtnews regulation blog, contributing editor and head of regulatory policy at Wolters Kluwer Financial Services' FRSGlobal, Selwyn Blair-Ford, analyses the results of the European Banking Authority's (EBA) latest round of stress tests and how they compare to last year's contentious results.