

TALX Assessment Division, pan Expands Global Footprint With Several New Private Label Partnerships

- pan Assessment Platform Now Available to Employers in Central America and the Caribbean, Asia and Africa -

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 10, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- TALX Assessment Division, *pan*, a leader in online assessment and talent management systems, proudly announced today the addition of new international private-label partnerships with fusionHR, SteppingStone Consulting, The Career Compass and Lores Group, and The TTS-Talent Group. Through their new relationships with *pan*, the consulting firms will provide their growing customer bases in Central America and the Caribbean, Asia and Africa with over 250 web-based talent assessments from more than 50 publishers.

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Working with the consulting firms under private-label agreements, *pan* is able to strategically target several growing international markets. Its Consulting Firm Partner Program provides distributors with an online turnkey platform and the high levels of customer service support direct *pan* customers enjoy, giving them the opportunity to expand their services portfolio and client base.

Based in Belize, <u>fusionHR</u> is a human resources management (HRM) firm that provides organizational tools and people-related solutions across Central America and the Caribbean. The firm's core businesses include recruitment and contingent staffing, occupational assessments, performance management, job analysis/job evaluations, developing compensation and benefits programs, developing employee relations programs, legal compliance advice and human resource development. Already familiar with *pan*'s platform, fusionHR will expand its offerings to bring assessments to a finance- and hospitality-rich client base.

The Hong Kong headquartered, psychology-based HR consulting firm, <u>SteppingStone</u> <u>Consulting</u>, focuses primarily on providing online assessment services to companies inHong Kong and mainland China, with plans to expand to additional Asian markets. With deep assessment and industrial psychology expertise, SteppingStone Consulting specializes in the recruitment and selection processes, talent management, leadership development, succession planning as well as training, education and certification with the use of assessments.

<u>The Career Compass</u> is a well-established full-service recruiting, selection and development consulting firm headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya and serves corporate, government and educational clients throughout east Africa. The firm's services include psychometric testing,

career coaching, e-learning, career planning, job search and career resourcing. Recruiting services are provided through The Career Compass' sister company, <u>Lores Group</u>, also based in Nairobi. Both companies will leverage the*pan* assessment platform in their service offerings to provide clients with a complete suite of HR-related services encompassing the entire employee recruitment, selection, development and career resourcing life cycle.

Based in South Africa, <u>The TTS-Talent Group</u> is comprised of TTS-Top Talent Solutions and TTS-Talent Technology Solutions. Top Talent Solutions offers talent and assessment strategy consulting for the design and implementation of end-to-end talent solutions, while Talent Technology Solutions leverages integrated and flexible assessment technology to facilitate talent decisions including screening, selection, development, and succession planning. The TTS-Talent Group is dedicated to providing unbiased expertise, quality solutions, speed, efficiency and customer delight.

"By partnering with SteppingStone, fusionHR, The TTS-Talent Group, The Career Compass and Lores Group, we bring **pan**'s proven assessment platform and services to some of the fastest-growing economies in the world," commented Ollie Fowler, Vice President of Sales for **pan** at TALX. "With the addition of these valued relationships, our global footprint is expanding rapidly to meet client selection and development needs and will continue to do so as more quality international organizations join the Consulting Firm Partner Program."

Additional information on the Consulting Firm *pan* Partner Program may be accessed at <u>http://www.panpowered.com/partners/consultants.asp</u>.

About pan

pan, the assessment division of TALX, is a leading provider of wide-ranging talent acquisition, evaluation and development solutions for corporate and government clients worldwide. Since 2000, *pan* has helped thousands of clients select and grow employees through its advanced Internet-based assessments; tools for online and proctored testing, reporting and processing; as well as comprehensive human capital consulting services. *pan* offers the industry's most diverse assessment catalog comprised of hundreds of scientifically validated cognitive, personality, biodata and multi-rater feedback tests from more than 50 top publishers. *pan*'s solutions are fueled by its robust web-based technology, which gives clients a powerful platform to deliver and manage human resource hiring processes and tests. For more information, visit <u>www.panpowered.com</u> or call 1-877-449-8378.

About TALX

TALX, provider of Equifax Workforce Solutions, a leader in human resource, tax and payrollrelated services, is based in St. Louis. TALX holds a leadership position in automated employment and income verification as well as unemployment cost management. TALX provides over 9,000 clients, including three-fourths of Fortune 500 companies, with Webbased services focused in three employment-related areas: hiring, pay reporting and compliance. Hiring services include assessments and talent acquisition, onboarding, and tax credits and incentives. Pay reporting services include, paperless pay and W-2 management. Compliance services include employment and income verifications through The Work Number, unemployment cost management and I-9 management. Equifax is a global leader in information solutions, empowering businesses and consumers with information they can trust. Equifax is a member of Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500® Index. Its common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EFX. For more information about TALX, visit <u>www.talx.com</u>, or <u>www.equifax.com</u>.

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