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Subject: Press Release dated December 4, 2015

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of the press release titled "MetaScale and NIIT come together to support India's analytics needs".

This is for your information and records.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,
For NIIT Limited

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Press Release

MetaScale and NIIT come together to support India's analytics needs

Rolls out Hadoop Training Focused on Real-World Big Data Applications.

New Delhi, December 4, 2015: MetaScale, the Big Data solutions provider subsidiary of a U.S. Fortune 500 company, today announced the immediate availability of Hadoop Training course in India through partnership with NIIT, a global leader in skills and talent development.

The partnership addresses a recognized need in the market for Big Data training program that combines solid fundamentals of Hadoop, which is fast becoming an industry standard analytics platform, with rigorously tested and proven techniques for leveraging large data sets, streaming data and the Internet of Things to solve real business problems.

India's leading chamber of commerce, NASSCOM has pegged the domestic Big Data market to be at USD 163 million, expected to double in size and reach USD 375 million by 2018. NASSCOM had already indicated the demand for 2.5 lakh analytics professionals by the end of 2015. Hadoop is used by many organizations to build robust applications for processing Big Data. Therefore, a global leader in talent development NIIT has joined hands with the thought leader in Big Data, MetaScale to offer cutting-edge training course to create a manpower pool for the industry.

"Indian companies and global organizations with a presence, or considering a presence in India are experiencing Big Data skills shortage," said **Ankur Gupta, CEO, MetaScale**. "By partnering with NIIT, we are providing IT professionals with an avenue for quickly gaining production-level skills for developing solutions within the Hadoop ecosystem - filling an exploding need for such skills throughout India."

Speaking on the significant partnership, **Mr. Shivan Bhargava, Group President - Skills and Careers Group, NIIT Ltd** said, "Big Data has created immense opportunity for IT professionals that can lead to satisfying and successful careers. According to NASSCOM India will need about 150,000 to 250,000 analytics professionals for domestic and international operations by 2015. Hence, through this partnership we aim to play a key role in supporting the analytical needs of the developed markets. We are pleased to work alongside MetaScale to launch Hadoop mapped to the wave of Big Data environment".

'Developing Big Data Applications using Hadoop', the initial course offered by NIIT and MetaScale, is designed for IT professionals who seek to enhance their career in Big Data and

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analytics. The course covers the core concepts of Big Data, providing hands-on exercises based on data sets with real enterprise production experience and best practices.

The course aims to build a strong foundation in Big Data using the Hadoop ecosystem and provide insights into industry standard best practices. While students will develop hands-on skills in MapReduce, YARN, NoSQL, Hadoop 2.0 and other scripting languages, what really sets the course apart for giving students an edge in the rapidly growing job market is advanced concepts like Hadoop security, designing Hadoop architecture based on real-world business problems and understanding Data Science using Hadoop.

The course is geared towards engineering graduates and working professionals who have basic knowledge of Java programming which is a prerequisite for learning Hadoop. The course is delivered in an instructor led training format by Big Data experts with content developed and endorsed by MetaScale. Big Data promises a good career progression. Depending upon the experience, course exit profiles can range from a Big Data Hadoop developer to a Data Scientist.

Additional course details and online application can be found here:

<http://www.niitanalytics.com/hadoop>.

About MetaScale

MetaScale is part of a U.S. based Fortune 500 company that leverages the Hadoop ecosystem to manage several petabytes of data and new business intelligence capabilities for customers across a variety of industries. MetaScale is a Big Data thought leader with a Center of Excellence based out of Chicago, USA with extensive experience in building end-to-end solutions using cutting-edge Big Data technologies. As a subsidiary of Sears Holdings Corporation, MetaScale understands the value of heritage and the need for constant innovation to drive growth. Through this heritage, MetaScale offers a deep understanding of employing complex Big Data tools to solve traditional business problems in the enterprise. For more information, visit MetaScale at www.metascale.com.

About NIIT

Established in 1981, NIIT Limited, a global leader in Skills and Talent Development, offers multi-disciplinary learning management and training delivery solutions to corporations, institutions, and individuals in over 40 countries. NIIT has three main lines of business across the globe- Corporate Learning Group, Skills and Careers Group, and School Learning Group.

NIIT's Corporate Learning Group (CLG) offers Managed Training Services (MTS) to market-leading companies in North America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania. The comprehensive suite of Managed Training Services includes custom Curriculum Design and Content Development, Learning Administration, Learning Delivery, Strategic Sourcing, Learning Technology, and Advisory Services. With a team of some of the world's finest learning professionals, NIIT is dedicated to helping customers increase the business value of learning and development (L&D). Built on the sound principles of 'Running Training like a Business', NIIT's Managed Training Services and best-in-class training processes enable customers to align business goals with L&D,

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reduce costs, realise measurable value, benefit from rock-solid operations, and increase business impact.

NIIT's Skills and Careers Group (SNC) delivers a diverse range of learning and talent development programs to millions of individual and corporate learners in areas including Banking, Finance & Insurance, Soft Skills, Business Process Excellence, Retail Sales Enablement, Management Education, Multi-Sectoral Vocational Skills, Digital Media Marketing, and new-age IT. These programs are delivered through a hybrid combination of the 'Cloud Campus' online platform, satellite-based 'Synchronous Learning Technology' and a physical network of hundreds of learning centers in India, China, and select markets in Asia & Africa. The flagship multi-disciplinary course offerings include the industry-endorsed RevGNIIT program and a set of Post Graduate Programs for students from different streams, apart from a wide range of specialist short duration programs.

To further strengthen its SNC portfolio in India, NIIT has tied up with industry majors like ICICI Bank for NIIT Institute of Finance Banking Insurance & Training Limited, IFBI; leading business schools in India for NIIT Imperia; Genpact for NIIT Uniqua; and a joint venture with NSDC for NIIT YuvaJyoti Limited. Besides this, for the China market, NIIT has tied up with governments and software parks in Guian, Chongqing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Changzhou, Zhangjiagang, Haikou and Dafeng, for state-of-the-art public-private partnership centres.

As NIIT's wholly owned subsidiary for its K-12 school learning initiative - **MindChampion Learning Systems Limited (MLSL)**, is providing technology based learning to around 2,000 private schools across India, reaching out to more than a million students. The futuristic NIIT nGuru range of learning solutions for schools comprises Interactive Classrooms with digital content, technology-driven Math Lab, IT Wizard programs and Quick School - an Education Resource Planning software.

As the Most Trusted Brand in India for 3rd year in a row (Brand Trust Report, 2015), NIIT's learning and talent development solutions, continue to receive widespread recognition globally. NIIT has been named among the Top 20 Training Outsourcing Companies for the past seven consecutive years by Training Industry, Inc. USA. Further, leading Indian ICT journal Dataquest has conferred upon NIIT the 'Top Training Company' award successively for the past 20 years, since the inception of this category. NIIT YuvaJyoti Ltd was recognized as the Best Vocational Education and Skill Development initiative at the World Education Summit, 2014.

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