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## Bull doubles the performance of its high-end NovaScale servers with new Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processors

- Capitalizing on its experience as the designer and maker of Europe's largest supercomputer, Bull affirms its unique expertise around the new-generation Intel processors
- Bull announces that the Intel® Itanium® 2 processor (formerly codenamed Montecito) is now available on its new NovaScale 3005 and NovaScale 5005 series

**Paris, 18 July 2006:** Bull announces that the Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processor (formerly codenamed Montecito) is available on its new NovaScale 3005 and NovaScale 5005 servers for platform shipment beginning in late August. This underlines the ability of the NovaScale server family to host several generations of Intel processors, and so protecting NovaScale customers' initial investments.

*"Our long-standing relationship provides us with early access to new Intel technologies and enables us to integrate new Intel processors quickly into our server line. We have found the performance and reliability gains of the new Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processor to be outstanding and, combined with Intel® Virtualization Technology, offer enterprise and HPC customers a truly advanced, open and scalable IT infrastructure. That's why Bull customers can already take advantage of powerful Bull NovaScale servers based on Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processors"* said Michel Lepert, General Manager of Bull Products and Systems activities.

### **Higher levels of performance and density, lower electricity consumption and thermal output**

Equipped with Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processor 9000 series, the NovaScale 3005 and 5005 series deliver much improved price/performance ratios, while the lower electricity consumption and heat output from the new processors offers two and half times better performance per watt compared to previous generation Intel® Itanium® 2 processors.

Bull, through its long-established and recognized know-how in building enterprise open systems and mainframes, has focused its R&D investments to enable the development of innovative enterprise-class Intel Itanium processor server families. The resulting technology will contribute to reinforcing Bull's product range, as well as its position as a key Intel Itanium based server supplier. These investments have given Bull a leading edge in the mastering of complex IT infrastructures, which are the cornerstone of its development strategy.

*"With the introduction of the dual-core Intel® Itanium® 2 processors as part of the Bull NovaScale server line, a new dimension in enterprise IT is born. This provides more flexible, energy-efficient, higher performance and more reliable solutions. This opens up new prospects for implementing large-scale applications and for server consolidation, particularly with Intel Virtualization Technology,"* said Kirk Skaugen, vice president, digital enterprise



group, Intel. "Bull has confirmed its ability to build enterprise-class servers using the best standards-based technologies".

## About Bull, Architect of an Open World

As one of the leading European IT companies, Bull delivers open, flexible and secure information systems. The group helps public and private sector customers transform their information systems, applying its know-how and expertise in three main areas:

- Capitalizing on its extensive mainframe experience, Bull designs and produces robust, innovative and open servers, based on industry-standard technologies;
- Building on its alliances with leading ISVs and long-standing involvement with Open Source, Bull develops and implements flexible and interoperable application infrastructures which give business processes the freedom to evolve;
- Bringing together recognized expertise in end-to-end IT security, Bull secures data and exchanges that are so critical in preserving customers' business integrity.

Bull has a particularly strong presence in the public, healthcare, finance, telecommunications, manufacturing and defense sectors. Its distribution network and business partners cover more than 60 countries worldwide.

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