**PEARSON VUE AND PEARSON KNOWLEDGE TECHNOLOGIES’ PARTNER TO DEVELOP AND DELIVER E^PRO™ ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONALS EXAM THROUGH COMPUTER-BASED TESTING**

Pearson VUE and Pearson Knowledge Technologies have partnered to develop and deliver E^Pro™ English for Professionals Exam which assesses the English proficiency of professionals in the workplace globally.

As the demand for greater English language communication skills in business continues to grow, the E^Pro™ English for Professionals Exam is seen as a key requirement to help businesses achieve more global prominence.

Pearson Knowledge Technologies has been at the forefront of English language proficiency test development, research and analysis for academic and professional markets since 1996 and holds numerous patents in the automated scoring arena.

The exam will assess productive and receptive skills including all four pillars of English within a professional business context; speaking, listening, reading and writing. The exam contains over 100 task-based questions focusing on common business skills used in the workplace. No other real-life assessment comprises so many performance-based testing questions. Only a very small percentage of items are multiple-choice questions. Others require the candidate to speak or write their response.

Pearson Knowledge Technologies’ automated scoring systems and patented technology will measure speaking & listening skills, while the Knowledge Analysis Technology engine automatically assesses responses for reading and writing. This eliminates the potential for human scoring bias, while producing results in as soon as three business days.

Pearson VUE will provide a global test delivery platform, management of test centres and use of its global exam scheduling system. In partnership with Pearson Knowledge Technologies, Pearson VUE has aggregated its cutting-edge technologies and market-leading expertise to create E^Pro™.

XXX, XXXX, Pearson Knowledge Technology, said: “The E^Pro™ exam is an important evolution in assessing all four pillars of English in one efficient exam. The partnership with Pearson VUE will assist professionals in efficiently and effectively understanding and responding to various and diverse work demands allowing employers to make corporate decision making more efficiently”.

Bob Whelan, CEO and President, Pearson VUE, said: “Proficiency in English communications skills is continually expected in today’s business world and we are proud that, through this partnership with Pearson Knowledge Technology we are able to help more businesses achieve globalization.”

For more information visit;

www.pearsonvue.com