

Merger creates Canada's largest staffing firm

New Managing Director For Combined Vedior and Randstad Organizations Sees Significant Opportunity, Offering Broadest and Deepest Pool of Talent in the Country

TORONTO, Sept. 4 /CNW/ - Randstad Canada, subsidiary of The Netherlands-based Randstad Holding nv, a leading provider of HR services and professional staffing, is pleased to announce today that Terry Power, President of Sapphire Technologies Canada Limited has been named Managing Director and will head up its local operations, as Vedior's Canadian companies merge with Randstad to form the largest, full-service staffing organization in Canada.

This follows the June 2008 announcement of the merger between Vedior nv and Randstad Holding nv. This merger creates the second largest HR services and professional staffing company in the world with 5,416 branches in over 50 countries and annual revenues of (euro)17.6 billion (\$27 billion CAN) combined in 2007.

In addition to managing Randstad's Canadian operations, Mr. Power will continue to oversee Sapphire Canada and its subsidiaries: OriginHR Canada, a leading HR solutions provider, Global Managed Services Canada, one of the country's oldest specialists in vendor management, and ATS Reliance, a Canadian-based company focused on engineering and light industrial staffing.

"Randstad Canada will offer Canadian organizations an unparalleled service: a single resource for the broadest supply of talent across an array of specialized industries, trades and professions," said Mr. Power. "This is an exciting opportunity to lead a staffing powerhouse with global reach and local expertise."

Together, the combined businesses will offer HR support services, vendor management services and recruitment for temporary staffing and permanent hires within the following specialties: administration, accounting, finance, call centres, sales and marketing, HR, industrial, skilled trades, engineering and information technology.

"There's a continuing shortage of qualified talent in many key sectors," added Mr. Power. "Our clients tell us that they need creative solutions and partnerships. Now we're better positioned than ever to help Canadian companies create a competitive advantage through strategic HR and staffing solutions."

Randstad Canada

Randstad Canada is the country's largest provider of staffing and HR services. With over 60 branches Randstad Canada partners with leading companies to help attract and retain the best talent in the areas of Administrative Support, Accounting and Finance, Call Centre & Customer Service, Engineering, Human Resources, Industrial Support, Information Technology, Sales and Marketing, Skilled Trades Industrial Management. Randstad Canada is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dutch-based Randstad Holding nv. For more information, please visit randstad.ca.

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Randstad specializes in solutions in the field of flexible work and human resources services. Our services range from regular temporary staffing and permanent placement to inhouse, professionals, search & selection, and HR Solutions. Since acquiring Vedior in 2008, the Randstad Group is the second largest HR services provider in the world with major positions in Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, India, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Poland, Portugal, and the southeastern United States. Randstad has over 34,000 employees working from 5,400 branches and inhouse locations in 53 countries around the world.

Randstad and Vedior generated combined revenue of (euro) 17.6 billion in 2007. Randstad was founded in 1960 and is headquartered in Diemen, the Netherlands. Randstad Holding nv is listed on the NYSE Euronext Amsterdam exchange, where options for stocks in Randstad are also traded. For more information see www.randstad.com

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