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- **Launching Sun Authorized Academic Institution at the German-Jordanian University
Talal Abu-Ghazaleh School of Business
School of Informatics & Computing**

STS successfully completed installing SUN UNIX educational lab

Sun Microsystems Middle East & North Africa is further demonstrating its commitment to the region's educational sector announcing plans for launching Sun academic training center.

In an effort to develop technical skills, bridge the gap between the requirements at the local market and increase the professional skills of the students in the information technology sector, an agreement is signed between the German Jordanian University and Sun Microsystems to launch Sun Authorized Academic Institution (SAI), in the presence of Dr. Thomas Bayer, Sun Chief Learning Officer for South & East EMEA, and Mr. Tarek Ayass, Sun Education & Research Regional Manager for MENA.

In accordance to the agreement, STS the leading integrated IT solution provider in Jordan, completed installing SUN UNIX educational labs at the German-Jordanian University under special academic programs from SUN Microsystems.

The vision behind of Sun Authorized Academic Institution is to draw on Sun's vast array of human talent and technology expertise for the benefit of the country's emerging generation of developers and IT management. Technological innovation and Sun OS and Java technologies will also be high on the agenda for the forthcoming education labs.

"Through SAI, the University will develop modern and practical ICT-related educational programs that are competitive with the increasing demands of the regional market," said Professor Labib Khadra, President of the German-Jordanian University. "The goal is to help Jordan and the region shift towards a stronger knowledge economy."

"Jordan's national commitment to technology and its burgeoning education sector have created an ideal climate for Sun's Academic initiatives in the Levant region," said Tarek Ayass, Sales Manager, Education and Research, Sun Microsystems Middle East and North Africa.

"It is crucial to Sun and its regional operations that, as this territory grows in importance, there is a means through which we can understand what organizations here really need. Through our close relationship with many educational institutions in the region, we have realized the great demand for ICT capacity building and tools needed to enhance the local skills and expertise," explained Ayass.

To succeed in the task that Sun has set itself, the SAI will provide practical support and education to partners and customers from not only Jordan, but surrounding states as well. Through working with in-country main solution provider STS, Sun will be in a position to support the region and its ambitions to develop a 21st century IT infrastructure.

"The objective of the SAI initiative is to create capacity and expertise as part of the faculty and students' IT-related curriculum and programs, to understand, enhance, and implement Sun's best practices for computing technologies in the Middle East," said Dr. Salem Al-Agtash, Dean of Informatics and Computing at the German-