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## Bee Ware raises 4,3 M Euros in Series B financing from Amundi and Sofinnova

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Bee Ware, the European leader in Web application security solutions, has announced the successful completion of a second round of financing from Amundi Private Equity Funds and Sofinnova Partners.

Bee Ware provides through its i-Suite platform an HTTP infrastructure-oriented solution to accelerate, optimize and secure Web application-based business. The management console and the graphical workflow editor make i-Suite a highly manageable solution capable of significantly lowering all installation and deployment costs.

In 2005, Bee Ware raised a first round of financing from Sofinnova Partners, one of the leading European Venture Capital Funds specializing in IT markets. In this second round totaling 4.3 M€, Sofinnova Partners has partnered with Amundi Private Equity Funds, the third-ranked European player in asset management.

"Bee Ware's steady development has been very encouraging," commented Jean-Claude Martinez, Sofinnova Partners. "We are confident in the company's ability to market sustainable technology solutions and happy to support their growth".

Marc Vaillant, President and CEO of Bee Ware: "I am extremely pleased to obtain the support of two major investors. This boost will provide the additional flexibility to further enhance the quality of our products and reinforce our international development."

Guillaume Girard, Venture Partner, Amundi: "It is our belief that Bee Ware's innovative technology has great potential for development in the application security space as this market is now ripe for consolidation and further growth."

### About Bee Ware

Bee Ware, the European leader in secure Web application delivery solutions, assures comprehensive business-smart protection for all organizations. With Bee Ware's integrated solution i-Suite companies have access to a web application firewall, access control, Web Single Sign On, traffic monitoring and application assessment as well as centralized management which make significant cost reduction and high-performance a reality. i-Suite scales to meet the requirements of appliance-based, Software as a Service or virtual machine deployment and adapts to all IT infrastructures.

Bee Ware was founded in 2002 and its European presence is primarily shared among industry, healthcare, finance and public services.

### About Amundi

Amundi ranks third in Europe<sup>1</sup> and among the top ten global players in asset management with<sup>2</sup> around €670 billion under management<sup>3</sup>. Located at the heart of the main investment regions in more than 30 countries, Amundi offers a comprehensive range of products covering all asset classes and major currencies. Amundi develops savings solutions to meet the needs of more than 100 million retail customers worldwide and designs innovative, high-performing products for institutional clients which are

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tailored specifically to their requirements and risk profile.

Benefiting from the support of two powerful banking groups, Crédit Agricole and Société Générale, Amundi aims to establish itself as the undisputed leader in asset management in Europe, recognised for:

- the quality of its products, their financial performance and transparency
- its close relations with customers, partner networks and institutions
- the efficiency of its organisation, resulting from the individual and collective talents of its teams
- a commitment to integrate sustainability and social purpose criteria into its investment policies, going beyond financial criteria alone.

1. IPE Top 400 survey published July 2009, data at 31 December 2008

2. GI 100 ranking published September 2008, data at June 2008

3. Pro forma data for Amundi Group, 31 December 2009

## About Sofinnova

Sofinnova Partners is an independent venture capital firm based in Paris, France. For over 35 years, the firm has backed nearly 500 companies at different stages of development – pure creations, spin-offs, as well as turnaround situations – and worked alongside Europe's key entrepreneurs in the technology, life sciences and cleantech sectors. With €1.1 billion of funds under management, Sofinnova Partners' experienced team and hands-on approach in building portfolio companies through to exit have created market leaders, from landmark historical investments including Genentech, Actelion and Vistaprint to more recent successes such as CoreValve, Fovea, Movetis, Novoxel and Sensitive Object. With a global mindset, the firm has a sister organization in San Francisco, California.