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***Retail Consultant RPE Helps The Forzani Group Complete Migration of Multiple Banners to a Single Integrated Platform***

***Performance Improvements Gained in Multifaceted Initiative for Canada's Largest Sporting Goods Retailer***

Tampa, Fla. (August 13, 2009) – Retail Process Engineering (RPE), a leading retail consulting services provider, announced today the successful completion of migrating multiple store banners onto a single integrated retail platform including JDA's Portfolio Merchandise Management (PMM), Win/DSS Point of Sale, Arthur Planning and Allocations systems for The Forzani Group Ltd. (FGL). The significantly complex project for Canada's largest national retailer of sporting goods included the migration of multiple companies on varying legacy systems, product hierarchies and product masters onto a single merchandising environment.

The Sport Mart, Sport Chek, Coast Mountain Sports and Hockey Experts banners now share common systems and processes. Migration objectives included standardization of the enterprise; decommission of non-standard applications and aging hardware; and development of a standard and repeatable process to support the company's merger and acquisition strategy.

"FGL has reached a significant milestone. Having our corporate banners sharing common standard processes, applications, data and infrastructure will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our retail management practices," said Richard Hannah, Vice President information technology, FGL. "RPE, along with our other partners and our internal team's hard work, contributed to the tremendous success for the largest IT undertaking for FGL."

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The RPE team, led by Ken Greenwood, Dave Merideth and Lucy Fernandez, worked closely with the FGL IT staff, under the direction of Hannah.

“Utilizing an integrated infrastructure will quickly stimulate top-line growth by improving retail management practices, visibility and controls and realize cost savings by reducing redundant processes and applications,” said Cliff Epstein, President, RPE.

### **About RPE**

RPE, a leading retail consultant providing implementation, integration, modification, business process re-engineering, system upgrades and systems management services, mobilizes the right people, expertise and technologies to improve overall business performance. Areas of expertise include a variety of leading software applications including JDA Software, JDA MMS Software as a Service, Manhattan Associates and Island Pacific. RPE provides hosting services for JDA and Island Pacific software applications.

Clients include Anna’s Linens, Cabela’s, Charlotte Russe, Guitar Center, Five Below, Finlay Fine Jewelers, Fred Meyer, Forzani Group, lululemon athletica, Michael Kors, Modell’s Sporting Goods, Nautica, Old Time Pottery, Party City, Spencer Gifts, Vitamin Shoppe, VF Corp. and more. For more information, visit [www.rpesolutions.com](http://www.rpesolutions.com).

### **About The Forzani Group Ltd.**

The Forzani Group Ltd. is Canada's largest national retailer of sporting goods, offering a comprehensive assortment of brand-name and private-brand products, operating stores from coast to coast, under the following corporate and franchise banners: Sport Chek, Coast Mountain Sports, Sport Mart, Athletes World, National Sports, Sports Experts, Intersport, Econosports, Atmosphere, Tech Shop, Pegasus, Nevada Bob's Golf, Hockey Experts, The Fitness Source, and S3. The Company also has websites for several of its corporate and franchise banners which can be accessed through its main website at [www.forzanigroup.com](http://www.forzanigroup.com).

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