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**Itzik Ben-Gan, SQL Server MVP to Lead Full-Day Seminar Session
at PASS 2008 Summit**

Covering Advanced T-SQL Querying & Programming in Microsoft SQL Server 2005 & 2008

CHICAGO, IL. – June 16, 2008 – The Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS) announced today that SQL Server Microsoft MVP (Most Valuable Professional), Itzik Ben-Gan, will be leading an all-day pre-conference seminar at the PASS 2008 Summit in Seattle, Washington at the Washington State Trade & Convention Center on Monday, November 17, 2008 with the conference beginning Tuesday, November 18 through 21. In his in-depth seminar, Ben-Gan will identify problems T-SQL programmers face daily and provide different solutions for each problem, and explain in detail how to tune codes to produce robust and efficient applications. Attendees will walk away from this seminar with a better understanding of how to “think” in SQL terms and with the ability to solve T-SQL problems they face routinely in their systems.

“PASS is pleased to have professionals like Itzik lead seminars because their knowledge and expertise make this conference extremely worthwhile for our attendees,” said Bill Graziano, SQL Server MVP and PASS VP of marketing.

Ben-Gan is the Co-Founder of Solid Quality Mentors. A SQL Server Microsoft MVP since 1999, he has conducted numerous training seminars around the world on T-SQL Querying, Query Tuning and Programming. Ben-Gan is also the author of *Inside Microsoft SQL Server 2005: T-SQL Querying* (MSPress), *Inside Microsoft SQL Server 2005: T-SQL Programming* (MSPress), and the co-author of *Advanced Transact-SQL for SQL Server 2000* (APress). He has also written numerous articles for SQL Server Magazine and MSDN.

“I find this conference important not just for its professional value, but also for the opportunity for people to meet and interact,” said Ben-Gan.

PASS 2008 Summit Pre-Conference registration is required. The cost of each seminar is US\$395.

For more information on the pre-conference topics, speaker bios and registration, please visit <http://summit2008.sqlpass.org/>. Early bird conference registration rates apply through June 30, 2008.

About the Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS)

Co-founded by Microsoft Corporation and Computer Associates, Inc., the Professional Association for SQL Server (PASS) is the first independent, user-run global association of SQL Server technology users. PASS is the definitive global community for more than 28,000 SQL Server professionals. PASS' mission is to

provide SQL Server technology users with the resources they need to meet their organization's strategic and tactical objectives using SQL Server while also enhancing both their personal and professional competitive advantages in the marketplace. PASS offers its members a variety of unique educational opportunities, including user conferences, distinctive Web offerings, unparalleled professional networking opportunities and direct advocacy to Microsoft. For additional information on PASS and the benefits of becoming a member, please visit the PASS Web site at www.sqlpass.org.

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