Zug, 12. January 2017 – With this acquisition, brainwaregroup is expanding the scope of its products, employees, customers and terminals. Together with nova ratio, it is extending its leading position in the field of Oracle and data center licence management.

brainwaregroup announces its purchase of a majority shareholding in nova ratio AG. Based in Koblenz/Germany, nova ratio AG is the leading provider of data center hardware and software inventory solutions, with particular expertise in the field of Oracle licence management. Rey Schallberger, CEO brainwaregroup: «We have been collaborating with nova ratio on client projects for the past 18 months. Due to its outstanding specialist expertise and the very positive track record, we are firmly convinced that this step will significantly expand our range of services for the benefit of our clients.»

As one of only six global «Oracle verified» providers, nova ratio will open many market doors for the business. Gerhard Wagner, the founder and creative driving-force behind nova ratio, will continue to be linked to the company as a member of its Board of Directors and shareholder: «Integration in brainwaregroup strengthens our research and investment potential, while at the same time giving us access to new regions and customers. Our existing clients and partners will profit from this step in particular. The task now is to pursue the already-realised product integration even more intensively, and by this means to extend the asserted leadership of brainwaregroup solutions even further.»

Benefits of the merger
The combined organisation, with branches on three continents, supports clients with many million terminals. In addition, integration of the two companies will decisively improve solution security levels for clients, enabling inventories as well as the licensing and asset management of complex infrastructures to be supported centrally from a single source and across platforms. Benefits for partners arise out of optimised projects, a seamlessly-verifiable flow of data and the reduced number of interfaces to third-party systems.

Product integration
nova ratio products are being integrated in the brainwaregroup portfolio. The first milestones here are:

- Oracle Compliance: Reconciliation of the technical licence data gathered by nova ratio with the acquired licence rights facilitates direct compliance evaluation in Spider. Available from January 2017.
- Unified Platform: All brainwaregroup products are capable of running on a single system. This makes it possible to deploy these products cost-effectively in smaller environments, thereby simplifying procedures in proof-of-concept (PoC) and test environments. Available from the summer of 2017.
Agent Integration: The admission of existing nova-ratio data center agents to the Columbus Inventory Framework of brainwaregroup facilitates the enterprise-compliant administration of all inventory processes of client and server systems. Available from the summer of 2017.

Oracle Audit Defence Service: Determination of the licence portfolio for Oracle databases for scheduled licence audits, or as the data basis when leaving an Oracle ULA. The Oracle Audit Defence Service is offered as a service; the client is not required to buy or install any products. Available with immediate effect.

In addition to pursuing solution integration, the current products offered by nova ratio remain available as an independent portfolio, and can be integrated in third-party systems.

About brainwaregroup:
Founded in 1989, brainwaregroup stands for comprehensive IT management based on solutions that are developed in-house. The ability to install automated client and server systems, as well as to protect these, to administer support tickets and to link the administration of commercial data such as guarantees, licences and legal agreements, offers clients significant utility value while at the same time being easy to operate. From its headquarters in Zug/Switzerland, brainwaregroup operates branches in Europe, Africa and Asia.

About nova ratio:
nova ratio AG was originally founded in 1995 as a service company for projects and training in the IT environment. Five years later the business was converted into a stock corporation, and software development began. Gerhard Wagner, the company founder and developer of the «eRunbook» platform, is today the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the enterprise. Further information is available under www.nova-ratio.de.