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IT Services Commentary

M&A activity in the sector exploded in March, with 81 deals announced, an increase of 16% over February totals. Not only did transaction volumes turn heads during the month, but so did headlines, with landscape reshaping acquisitions occurring in both the offshore services and IT Staffing markets. Infrastructure services and cloud capabilities were also in high demand during the period. On the infrastructure front, network solutions, data center services and virtualization capabilities were heavily pursued, particularly when packaged as part of a managed services or outsourced offering. On the Cloud front, deals were consummated within the Salesforce.com, Google Enterprise and Workday pure play landscapes. These specialist leaders seem to be increasingly sought after, as global services providers finally begin to address capability deficiencies in the SaaS applications arena. While it might be overly bold to call March deal totals the new baseline for monthly transaction volume, we believe that momentum is definitely building in the industry. We anticipate significant M&A headlines and more exciting consolidation news to come in the second quarter.







IT Services M&A

Deloitte acquired Aggressor LLC, a business and IT consulting platform focused exclusively on the SaaS-based Workday software platform

Avnet, a global technology distributor, acquired Ascendant Technology, an IBM-focused VAR and IT services provider

All Covered, the IT outsourcing arm of Konica Minolta, acquired Covisia, a managed services provider focused on desktop virtualization

GlobalOne, a Salesforce.com platinum partner, announced a merger with **Cloud Sherpas**, a leading Google Enterprise services player, to form a leading specialist cloud services platform

Stratos Management Systems, a new platform formed by Navigation Capital, acquired Nexus Information Systems, a provider of IT virtualization, storage and managed services

GreenPages Technology Solutions, a storage and cloud technology services provider, acquired LogicsOne, a virtualization and cloud storage specialist

On Assignment, a large IT and healthcare staffing provider, acquired Apex Systems, an IT staffing specialist

IT Services Rumor Mill

Following its merger with Tech Mahindra, Satyam announced it has allocated \$300 million for immediate M&A in Latin America and Europe. A significant Aerospace acquisition is rumored to be on the horizon

L&T Infotech is rumored to be in advanced M&A discussion with Hexaware Technologies. An acquisition would create another \$1 billion+ offshore services provider

IT Services News

Tech Mahindra announced its long awaited merger with **Satyam**, forming a new offshore services powerhouse with \$2.25 billion in revenue. Tech Mahindra bought a 42.7% stake in Satyam in April 2009 after the announcement of the company's accounting scandal

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