

## **Vertex Establishes Brazilian Operations**

*Vertex Global Tax Solutions Brasil Ltda. provides a vital resource to companies operating in Brazil's notoriously complex tax environment.*

BERWYN, Pa., February 4, 2010 – Vertex Inc., a leading provider of corporate enterprise tax solutions, today announced the launch of on-location operations in Brazil. The new Brazilian operations provide Vertex global customers with localized tax research and much-needed support in a country known for its complex tax structure. The new office operates under the name Vertex Global Tax Solutions Brasil Ltda., and functions as an indirect subsidiary of Berwyn, Pa.-based Vertex Inc.

“Brazil is recognized among tax professionals as one of the most difficult countries for tax,” said John Minassian, Vertex Vice President of Content Development. “The tax structure in Brazil presents very challenging calculation and compliance requirements that require experienced tax professionals who understand and continuously monitor changes at the federal, state, and municipality levels in Brazil.”

Vertex has expanded tax capabilities for Brazil under the direction of seasoned Brazilian tax professional Ana Maciel, Vertex Principal Tax Analyst.

“Vertex is an industry pioneer,” said Maciel. “The new on-location operations in Brazil support research activities in South America and provide Vertex global customers with an unmatched level of support.”

With more than 10 years of consulting experience, Maciel has advised major Brazilian and international companies on indirect tax issues. In her new role, she is responsible for serving the current Vertex client base who conduct business in Brazil, tracking Brazilian and other South American indirect tax law changes at the federal, state and municipal levels, conducting research to support and maintain Brazil tax data in Vertex<sup>®</sup> Value Added Tax *O Series*<sup>®</sup>, providing guidance for customer implementations, and offering expertise on Brazilian indirect tax automation to customers.

Maciel previously worked as a senior manager of Ernst & Young's “Customs and International Trade – CIT” practice in Brazil, and has consulted with leading companies

in the private equity, financial services, energy, manufacturing, and retail among several other sectors.

"Vertex has been helping customers with global operations simplify their tax processes and improve compliance for many years," says Jeff Westphal, President and CEO of Vertex. "Expanding our physical presence and strengthening our ability to serve companies that conduct business in Brazil underscores our commitment to providing customers with solutions they need in today's global business environment. Vertex understands the complex nature of Brazil's tax structure and I am confident that our team will deliver to the same high quality standards in Brazil as we continue to do across the globe."

Vertex's Brazilian headquarters is located in São Paulo. To learn more about Vertex corporate enterprise tax solutions, visit [vertexinc.com](http://vertexinc.com).

## **ABOUT VERTEX INC.**

With more than 30 years of experience, Vertex Inc. is the leading provider of corporate enterprise tax solutions and process management services worldwide.

Vertex solutions help companies streamline and integrate tax provision and compliance processes, and leverage information to discover new strategic tax savings across every major line of business tax, including income, sales, consumer use, value added, communications, and payroll. To serve its customers, Vertex works in partnership with the world's leading providers of ERP software and related services.

Founded in 1978, Vertex is a privately held company that employs over 600 professionals at its headquarters in the U.S. (Berwyn, Pa.) with offices in Europe (London), Brazil (São Paulo), Atlanta, Dallas, Phoenix, Sarasota, and Washington, DC.

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