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**Scottish Widows upgrades to *administrator 6***

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*aquila* is pleased to announce that Scottish Widows has successfully completed a project to upgrade its Defined Benefits platform to the latest release of *administrator*, which offers support for the increasing variety of benefit options being used to address the funding challenges faced by many final salary schemes. With one of the largest Defined Benefits portfolios in the market, Scottish Widows is ideally placed to be able to offer the required flexibility to its clients. The project was completed in less than three months, within budget and with minimum disruption to end-users.

Gillian Tait, Head of Business Change at Scottish Widows stated:

“We were very pleased to complete the upgrade largely by ourselves without the need for significant involvement from *aquila*. The upgrade completed successfully without disrupting service to our clients”

Scottish Widows has been an *aquila* client since 1995 with *administrator* used to support group pensions business. Following the upgrade to *administrator 6*, *aquila* is working closely with Scottish Widows on new strategic propositions in the Corporate market.

David Ackroyd, Chief Executive of *aquila* commented:

“We are delighted that Scottish Widows’ recent upgrade to *administrator 6* has been a smooth process. This latest version of our market leading solution puts Scottish Widows in a position to bring new propositions to market from the same high quality technology platform.”

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*administrator* is *aquila's* functionally rich, life & pension administration software solution, which addresses the core administration, investment and communication requirements of all significant group and individual life & pension products. Its modern architecture offers a cost effective and low risk solution with proven capability and quality of delivery.