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The demands placed on Business Continuity professionals are forever growing. New types of threats are receiving a higher public profile. Financial cut backs loom large and cyber terrorism is now entering the public consciousness. BC professionals are being asked to meet demands for further preparations to help reduce the impact of interruptions on their organisation.

The BC industry continues to mature as well. ISO standards are in development, with ISO22301 set to join the 22300 (Societal Security) ISO family in 2011. For the time being though BS25999 is still the recommended way forward.

Mataco, our web-based BCM tool, has been updated to further meet the needs of business continuity professionals. Version 2.5, which is available to all users in December, includes many new features (see below). When you are working harder you need tools, like Mataco, that can improve efficiency. For more details on Mataco please follow this [link](#).

Glen Abbot join Mataco Consultant Partnership

Savant are pleased to announce that Glen Abbot have joined the Mataco Consultant Partnership.

Glen Abbot is a long established and well respected business continuity consultancy. Andrew Sinclair, Director says "We have looked at software products in the past and Mataco is different. Savant's database driven approach means that data accuracy and sharing happens automatically. Our team have worked closely with Savant on new features and further improvements. We are now looking forward to using Mataco with our clients."

Glen Abbot joins a growing band of consultancies that are getting to know Mataco. The offer to consultants, to use the tool without charge in their consultancy work, has proven very attractive.

If the idea of partnering with Savant is of interest and you would like to take us up on the offer of using Mataco without charge, please reply to this email, click on this [link](#) or call us on

+44 (0) 1 524 784400.

Mataco v2.5 to be released in December

Version 2.5 of Mataco is going through final acceptance testing and will be released to users in December. Existing users can migrate to the latest version when they are ready to benefit from its new features. These include:

*** Email alerts**

Mataco administrators can now set up a series of email alerts. These can be used to notify teams or individuals that plans or exercise schedules are due for review or approval. Managers can receive summary emails.

*** Improved tactics and strategies**

Recovery strategies and tactics can now be associated with functions, product and services. This is in addition to dependencies.

*** Improved recovery requirements**

Recovery requirements can now be collected into named groups and attached to functions. The use of groups allows recovery requirements to be added more efficiently.

There are other user interface and usability improvements in v2.5.

Mataco Consultant Briefings

We are planning a series of Consultant Briefings to both introduce version 2.5 and provide some free marketing training. These events will be held at our Burton-in-Kendal offices and in London.

The Briefings will demonstrate the new features in Mataco and how they make plan production more efficient. This should benefit a busy consultant. One of our consultant partners will talk about what is going on in the business continuity community, to keep you up to date.

Because we know how difficult it is to generate fee earning opportunities, the sessions will include marketing and sales advice from Savant's PR Agency and Internet Marketing Consultancy.

If you are interested in attending please let me know your preference for location and I'll send out some dates.

Mataco Webinar

A Mataco Webinar highlighting the new features will be run in December. Please let us know if you would like to take part.

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