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Advanced Management Solutions Announces

AMS REALTIME

AMS REALTIME Version 6.0

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Advanced Management Solutions, a market leader in solutions for Enterprise Project and Resource Management, has announced the Version 6.0 release of the complete set of AMS REALTIME product modules for beta program participants, including the Enterprise Server, Resources, Projects, Solo, and WebSolo. The full Version 6.0 software release is planned for 2nd quarter 2004.

The AMS REALTIME Solution is an integrated resource management, project management, cost management, and time recording solution. It supports both network and web-based clients on multiple platforms (Microsoft Windows, UNIX, Linux and Macintosh) and in multiple languages, to support the growing global economy. AMS has the most flexible open database and system design on the market today. We encourage integration with existing systems and support business process methodologies through custom configuration. Our fully documented APIs are available to support the multi-platform industry standard scripting language, Python. AMS provides the support and implementation services that are necessary to make your enterprise software implementation successful. We have been in the business of project and resource management since 1983.

AMS REALTIME supports the needs of matrix organizations by letting project managers plan and budget projects using generic skill resources. Resource managers can then choose the best person to perform the work by selecting from a short-list of resources with the required skills and availability. Employees can easily see the activities to which they have been assigned, they can record the work they have accomplished, and they can optionally adjust their estimate-to-complete. This information completes the cycle by updating the project plan with approved actual hours and progress, feeding earned value cost data and overall project status. Employees can also record the hours they have spent on operational/non-project tasks, and unassigned tasks.

Upper-level managers can easily access consolidated information using powerful rollup and reporting features, or 3rd-party analysis/reporting tools via ODBC. Selected reports and analyses may be printed or published to a web page.

Version 6.0 adds many powerful new enhancements for users throughout the enterprise. Project managers can access enterprise calendars and global resource availability from their project plans, allowing them to plan more effectively and manage resource capacity. We have greatly enhanced the performance of the integrated cost, resource and schedule

features, providing even more powerful budgeting and earned value analysis tools. AMS REALTIME Projects provides the strong level of sophistication needed by today's project managers while still maintaining ease-of-use.

Project managers using all versions of Microsoft Project©, via the AMS Microsoft Project Link©, are able to commit and status project plans into the same Enterprise database as AMS REALTIME Projects users. This allows project managers using either tool to make resource assignments from a common resource pool, commit their project plans so their project activities are available for time booking, and status their projects with actual progress. In addition, AMS REALTIME Projects exports project plans into XML format, the current Microsoft Project 2002© data exchange standard.

Resource assignment profiling and new features that make the fulfillment of multiple resource requests more efficient will help resource managers with making project level assignments, balancing workloads, and optimizing resource capacity planning.

Probably the most significant addition in 6.0 is the new Enterprise Projects function. This has been designed specifically for users with simple project planning needs. It is aimed at the 90% of project managers who use only 5% of the functionality provided by most of the project management software on the market. Users can easily create projects, activities, network constraints, and make work assignments with a simple graphic application. This is a great asset for managers who need to manage occasional projects.

For more sophisticated data administration needs, users may take advantage of auto-filtering, outlining, multi-table concurrent access, and parent/child record linking features.

The Portfolio tool now provides filtered access to data, which provides access level control and easier analysis capability.

Improvements to web-based applications and more Python APIs to support customized automation and behavior make it even easier to design an AMS REALTIME implementation that meets your specific business requirements.

Employee timecards can be viewed for approval, filtered by project and by organization. This allows project managers to review actual time recorded before updating their project plan, and department managers to view all their employee timecards together. This makes the entire approval process faster and more efficient.

Improvements to database synchronization processes allow complete integration of information to Oracle, SQL Server, and other ODBC compliant industry-standard databases.

AMS has designed many of these improvements through consolidated analysis of the growing needs of our users. Incorporating feedback from our real-world users into our product suite has always been a key driver. This responsiveness to user needs has helped our products evolve into the most practical, powerful, flexible and user-friendly products on the market today. To see how AMS REALTIME can help your organization, please contact us.