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PanCanadian Enters Strategic Alliance with NeXT

PanCanadian Petroleum Limited and NeXT Computer, Inc. today announced that PanCanadian will use NeXTSTEP for Intel processors as the primary software for the development and delivery of custom business applications internally. PanCanadian, a major Canadian oil and gas producer, is developing custom applications to enhance various aspects of its business, principally in its Operations Group.

"We selected NeXTSTEP for its advanced object-oriented capabilities," said Roger Coates, coordinator of technology management at PanCanadian.

NeXTSTEP significantly reduces application development time while improving application quality. In addition, it offers direct benefits to users through its highly integrated object-oriented development, database, graphic, communications and multimedia environment.

"With the migration of NeXTSTEP to industry-standard hardware, the deployment of this platform became both practical and advantageous for PanCanadian," Coates said.

NeXTSTEP is the leading object-oriented software environment for developing and deploying client/server applications. NeXTSTEP for Intel processors is the version of the software that runs on industry-standard PCs powered by Intel486 and Pentium microprocessors.

Currently, PanCanadian is in the first stage of a four- to five-year program to upgrade its information management capabilities. When NeXTSTEP is fully deployed in approximately three years, the majority of PanCanadian's professional staff will use the NeXT software for many of their business activities.

"PanCanadian's plan to develop custom applications to support its core business exemplifies the optimum use of NeXTSTEP to achieve competitive advantage," said Bob Longo, NeXT's director of North American sales.

NeXT develops and markets the industry-acclaimed NeXTSTEP object-oriented software for industry-standard computer architectures. NeXTSTEP is used by medium and large organizations to develop and deploy client/server applications, using both custom and shrink-wrapped productivity software. NeXT is headquartered at 900 Chesapeake Drive, Redwood City, Calif., 94063.

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