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Cimnet Systems Integrates Preactor's Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) Capability with Paradigm®

Strategic Agreement Provides Best-of-Breed APS for Paradigm® Specialized ERP for the PCB Manufacturing Industry.

Chicago, IL – September 5, 2002 —Cimnet Systems, Inc. and Preactor today announced a new strategic partnership with Preactor International. This agreement enables Cimnet System's customers to increase productivity, reduce raw material and WIP stock, while offering real-time order guarantees to help PCB manufacturers make deliveries on time. The Agreement is part of Cimnet System's and Preactor's ongoing commitment to provide additional scheduling functionality to ERP vendors.

"Paradigm® helps to ensure a sustainable competitive advantage for PCB producers." Said Meहुल Davé, President and CEO of Cimnet Systems, "The integrated system increases efficiency, improves quality, slashes cycle times, identifies and reduces costs, cuts inventories, improves purchasing efficiency, and more effectively deploys productive assets, personnel, and other resources. The Paradigm system is designed to meet the unique enterprise software needs of PCB manufacturers." he added.

Mike Novels, Managing Director of Preactor International comments. "Manufacturers are looking to take advantage of the latest technology in the e-business age. Real-time forecasting, planning and scheduling functionality provides key benefits to them in a competitive world. Naturally, we are pleased to be given the opportunity to work with Cimnet Systems to provide its PCB customers with the tools needed to compete."

Preactor was developed during an extensive joint development project (FORCAST, Flexible Operational Real-time Control And Scheduling Tools) under the European EUREKA initiative during the period 1991-1993. Now in version 9, this suite of scaleable, flexible and configurable advanced planning and scheduling tools has become the price/performance leader in every market that it has a presence in, and is setting the standard by which other packages are measured.

About Cimnet Systems, Inc.

Based in Downers Grove, Illinois, Cimnet Systems, Inc., develops and markets its Paradigm[®], Engenix[™], IQuote, CIMfactory and other software solutions and services to manage sales, engineering, tool generation, production and collaboration processes through a direct sales force with offices in the USA, India, China (Hong Kong), and Germany, as well as sales representatives in Japan, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, and throughout Europe. Cimnet Systems, Inc. has more than 100 customers worldwide including leading PCB manufacturers such as Viasystems, Sanmina, Tyco, Teradyne, WUS, Elec & Eltek, Ibiden, Hitachi Chemicals, Wongs, DDI, Tesat (Bosch Telecom), Coretec, CCTC and UMTC. More information about the company can be found at <http://www.cimnetsys.com>.

About Preactor International

PI is an independent company based in the UK. First formed in 1984, it is one of the fastest growing companies specializing in advanced planning and scheduling software and, through its partnerships with other software vendors and system suppliers, offers worldwide implementation and software support.

There have been approximately 3000 Preactor licenses sold since it was first released in 1993. This equates to around 700 sites world-wide. In the year 2000, 253 Preactor systems were installed 59% of which were in the UK, 23% in North America, 9% in continental Europe and 8% in South America.

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