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Global 3000 Distribution Suite Available

As previously promised in Sales Bulletins, the Global 3000 Distribution Software version 4.0 is now available.

AVAILABILITY

The Global 3000 Distribution Suite is new software which is radically different to the Global 2000 software. Therefore this is one of the most significant releases of software in recent years. Because of the dramatically different nature of the software, only companies with some knowledge of the software should install the Global 3000 Distribution Suite.

Therefore, until further notice, end-user software will only be generated for resellers who satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- the reseller had a successful beta test of Global 3000; or
- a member of the reseller staff, available to support the software, has attended a Global 3000 Distribution Suite Overview course; or
- the software is via an international distributor, not a UK reseller

Software is available, with the reseller's own serial number, **for demonstration purposes** to all resellers.

MODULES AVAILABLE AND INTERFACES TO LEDGERS

The distribution software consists of three modules:-

- ZS** Global 3000 Sales Order Processing
- ZO** Global 3000 Purchase Order Processing
- ZI** Global 3000 Stock Control

Four possible combinations of these modules are valid:

- ZI (Stock Control) only.** This combination also requires Global 3000 General and Debtors Ledgers
- ZI (Stock Control) and ZS (Sales Order Processing).** This combination also requires Global 3000 General and Debtors Ledgers
- ZI (Stock Control) and ZO (Purchase Order Processing).** This combination also requires Global 3000 General and Creditors Ledgers
- All 3 distribution modules.** This combination also requires Global 3000 General, Debtors and Creditors Ledgers

Module ZI (Stock Control) contains the 'Product Maintenance' facilities which are required by all three modules. Sample data for the three modules is of course provided for training and demonstration purposes. However the sample data distributed with version 3.0 of the ledgers is unsuitable for use with the distribution software; therefore replacement sample data for the ledgers is also distributed with the distribution software. All sample data is part of module ZI (Stock Control).

DOCUMENTATION

Three manuals and one set of notes are available:

MZSMV4.0 Global 3000 Sales Order Processing Manual
MZOMV4.0 Global 3000 Purchase Order Processing Manual
MZIMV4.0 Global 3000 Stock Control Manual
MZINV4.0 Global 3000 Distribution Suite Notes

The Distribution Suite Notes should be read thoroughly **before** any attempt is made to install the software.

SYSTEM MANAGER AND PRESENTATION MANAGER

The Global 3000 Distribution Suite has been written in a way which exploits the facilities of version 8.0 System Manager and Presentation Manager. Once version 8.0 is available on all computers (within the next few months), the Global 3000 Distribution Suite will only be 'available' on version 8.0 computers.

Meanwhile, special arrangements have been made for running the Global 3000 Distribution Suite. A version 7.5 **Special System** module has been produced. This is only useful when installed 'on top of' System Manager and Presentation Manager version 7.0. Once this is installed, Global 3000 Distribution Suite version 4.0 will operate. The 'Special System' module does not affect the operation of any other Speedbase applications.

'Special System' is module code SS and is available free-of-charge. Irrespective of the renewal date for the rental fee for a site, Special System will expire on 31st March 1993. Therefore all sites using version 4.0 Distribution Suite must upgrade to version 8.0 system manager by 31st March 1993 (and ideally before that date).

Pending the availability of the full version 8.0 manuals, a simple document explaining how to install 'Special System' is available. This is:-

MSSNV7.5 Special System Notes version 7.5

INTERFACES TO OTHER APPLICATIONS

Other than the interfaces to modules other than those explained above, the Global 3000 Distribution Suite does not interface (yet) to any business software. However, Reporter will operate on the data.

Of course both Global 2000 Payroll and Global 2000 Fixed Assets will interface to Global 3000 General Ledger.

PRICES, DISCOUNTS, COPY CHARGES

The list prices for the software are as follows:-

	1	2-3	4-7	8-12	13-24	25-39	40-59	60-99
	screen	screens	screens	screens	screens	screens	screens	screens
Sales Order Processing	£800	£1,190	£1,790	£2,390	£2,990	£3,990	£4,990	£6,590
Purchase Order Processing	£500	£890	£1,390	£1,890	£2,390	£3,090	£3,990	£4,990
Stock Control	£500	£890	£1,390	£1,890	£2,390	£3,090	£3,990	£4,990

The above are subject to the reseller's usual discount (40% to 60%).

Copy charges are at the usual price (£30 for a reseller's own site, £50 for an end-user site).

GLOBAL 3000 SERVICE POLICY

Service is mandatory for the first year for all users of Global 3000 Distribution Software.

The Global 3000 Service pricing is identical to the long-standing Global service pricing documented in the Global Reseller Handbook.

It is in the interest of us all to direct the support effort at live sites rather than answering queries on software being used for demonstration purposes. Therefore we ask that the 'Training Information' box is completed on the Support Fax Form; we may subsequently suggest, where appropriate, that suitable training courses be attended if the support load from reseller sites becomes intolerable.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS EXPECTED

At the time of writing we expect to make the following announcements which are associated with this release over the next few months:-

- Global 3000 Distribution Suite Source; early July
- Upgrade from Global 2000 to Global 3000 Distribution Suite; early August
- Global 3000 Invoicing; late August/early September
- Global 3000 Middleware; September
- Global 3000 Ledgers and Cash Book version 4.1; September