Global DOS Integration available

TIS Software is pleased to announce the release of the Global DOS Integration module – a software package that allows data held in Global files to be exported to the host operating system. The first release is called version 2.0.

FEATURES OF GLOBAL DOS INTEGRATION

The main features of DOS Integration version 2.0 are:

· Allows data to be exported from both Global 2000 and Global 3000 applications, from Finder databases and from Global Payroll;

· Integrates with leading MS–DOS products;

· Usable on a wide range of host operating systems (e.g. MS–DOS, Windows, Novell, Unix and BOS);

· Produces CSV and SDF format ASCII text files;

· Produces DOS/Unix delimited ASCII text files suitable for use with the merge facility in WordPerfect version 5.1.

We plan to include the following additional features in a subsequent version:

· Data import facility to allow the input of budgets to General Ledger and Nominal Ledger;

· A method of invoking leading Windows products from the System Manager menu. Note that the %.shell command is already available for launching Unix applications.

IMPORTANT POINT

A datasheet (BEDIA) and the Autumn 1993 issue of Global News both refer to DOS Integration. Some of the text in these documents could be misconstrued. We are therefore documenting clearly below some of the detailed functionality of DOS Integration so that no misunderstandings can occur from now onwards:

`Use with PC Workstation to Transfer between Unix or Novell on one hand and DOS on the other'

DOS Integration gives you the ability to transfer *from* the System Manager host computer (irrespective of the underlying operating system) *to* a DOS computer running PC Workstation. DOS Integration uses the FTRAN utility supplied with PC Workstation to effect the data transfer. It is not possible to use DOS Integration to transfer from the DOS computer to the computer running System Manager though this can of course be achieved using FTRAN as before.

`Windows users using cut and paste between Global and other software running on the desktop'

The ability to transfer screen information from a Global System Manager running under Windows to other Windows applications via the clipboard interface is unaffected by DOS Integration; this facility has been available for some time. DOS Integration provides no further facilities for cut and paste from System Manager to Windows. There are no facilities as yet in Global for cut and paste *into* System Manager.

DOCUMENTATION

The Global DOS Integration Notes (MDINV2.0) are available. Resellers who wish to look into DOS Integration in detail may wish to order a copy of this document.

PRICING

DOS Integration V2.0 will have a fixed price of £250 irrespective of the number of screens. **This special launch price will apply only for V2.0.** Version 2.1 which will allow two-way integration will have a scaled price from £200 (1 screen) to £3,000 (99 screens).

Reseller discount on end-user sales is 40% to 60%. Software for a reseller's own use is priced at £50 less 40% discount (i.e. £30). Reseller copies may not be installed at end-user sites. DOS Integration is a `Standard Application Module' for the purposes of support pricing.

INTERFACES

Version 2.0 of DOS Integration is **not** restricted to operating on System Manager for MS-DOS. It will operate on version 8.0 of System Manager or System Manager PM for any operating system. It will produce ASCII text files suitable for import into various DOS applications, including Lotus 1-2-3 and WordPerfect.

Most of the extraction of information is done via the run-time components of Global Reporter version 1.0; these are provided free-of-charge on the DOS Integration diskettes. However, in order to amend the details of what is extracted from a Global application, and to understand some of the error messages DOS Integration displays, you will need version 1.0 of Global Reporter.

DOS Integration will extract information from the following Global applications:

- Versions 6.2 and 6.3 of Global 2000 Sales Ledger;
- Version 6.2 of Global 2000 Stock Control;
- Version 6.0 of Global 2000 Nominal Ledger;
- Version 6.3 of Global Sales Analysis;
- Version 4.1A of Global 3000 Creditors Ledger;
- Version 4.1A of Global 3000 Debtors Ledger;
- Version 4.1A of Global 3000 General Ledger;
- Version 4.1A of Global 3000 Stock Control;
- Version 1.0 of Global Finder;
- Version 6.1 of Global Payroll.

Please consult the Global DOS Integration Notes mentioned above for full details of the above interfaces.

There are facilities in Global DOS Integration to allow an interface to applications other than the above.

GLOBAL 3000 VERSION APPLICATIONS 4.2

We plan to produce a second version of DOS Integration (tentatively called version 2.0A) which will interface to version 4.2 of the Global 3000 applications and to version 6.4 of Global Sales Analysis.