Payroll and BACS version 6.2 available

INTRODUCTION

TIS Software Ltd is pleased to announce the availability of version 6.2 of the Global Payroll and Global BACS products. This is the first release of Payroll for some time that has not been strictly limited by a legislative timescale and the opportunity has been used to add a number of the features and facilities that have been suggested by our many Payroll users. At the same time, Global Payroll has been revised to cater for changes in SMP handling expected to come into force in October 1994 and the Global BACS product has been enhanced to provide support for 3½" diskette submissions.

Version 6.2 Payroll must be installed before the 1993/94 Class 1A report (required June/July 1994) is printed.

In keeping with our standard policy, only one version of Payroll will be supported, and so support for Payroll version 6.1 will be withdrawn on 31 May 1994.

MODULES AVAILABLE FROM TODAY

The following new module versions are available from today and replace the existing defaults in the Global Handbook. The items in parentheses are the `module codes':

Global Payroll version 6.2 (PR)
This replaces Payroll version 6.1 and has been substantially improved in a number of areas. Full details of the changes are provided to existing sites in the release notice accompanying the software.

Global BACS version 6.2 (PB)
This replaces BACS version 6.1 and handles submissions on 3½" diskettes.

ITEMS WHICH HAVE YET TO PASS QUALITY CONTROL

A number of items have yet to receive approval from our Quality Control department and have not been included in this release. These are:

Global Payroll 6.2 to Global
3000 Cash Manager 4.2 autoposting
This will be supplied as a zap after it receives final approval.

Global Payroll Label Print
This will be supplied as a zap after it receives final approval.

Global 2000 Manufacturer 6.3 to
Global Payroll 6.2 autoposting
This will be supplied as a zap after it receives final approval.

Further news regarding the three Payroll related products; Global Payroll Tailoring version 6.2, Global Payroll Autoposting version 6.2 and a new version of Global Record Layouts (expected to be 2.0L) will be provided in a later bulletin.

DOCUMENTATION AVAILABLE

The codes in parentheses (for example, MPRMV6.2) are the documentation codes. Documentation is supplied with both reseller and user orders; however, further copies are available from the despatch department (see section 7 of the Reseller Handbook). Items identified as manuals cost £25 (less 30% discount = £17.50) and are supplied with binder and slipcase. Other items (release notices, notes) are supplied free–of–charge.

The Global Payroll version 6.0 manual has been extensively revised and extended for version 6.2 and the new manual (MPRMV6.2) has been restructured to conform to Global house–style.

An A4 format Global Payroll Release Notice version 6.2 (MPRRV6.2) is supplied to those sites which previously had Global Payroll. This describes the upgrade procedure and summarises the differences between this and earlier versions of the software. We recommend resellers examine this document and the installation section of the new Payroll manual at the earliest opportunity (see below). They must be read and understood before any attempt is made to install Payroll version 6.2.

An A4 format set of Global BACS Notes version 6.2 (MPBNV6.2) supplements the Global BACS Manual version 6.0, which remains unchanged. The new notes replace all prior supplements to the manual.

An A4 format Global BACS Release Notice version 6.2 (MPBRV6.2) is supplied to those sites which previously had Global BACS. This describes the upgrade procedure and summarises the differences between this and earlier versions of the software.

The software production department will assume that existing Global BACS sites have the manual and will only ship the Notes and Release Notice to existing sites.

DESPATCH OF ORDERS

One–day turnaround service for Global Payroll orders or orders which include Global Payroll will be suspended from now until the bulk of the Payroll orders are shipped (probably around mid May). Any orders including a one–day charge will be billed excluding the one–day charge. Three–day turnaround standards will be maintained. We recommend that you do not mix Payroll version 6.2 and any other software on the same order.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind resellers that only one delivery charge applies to orders received together for shipment to the same address.

There will be no copy charge for upgrading sites for which Payroll was purchased on or after 1 March 1994; such orders should be clearly marked "New Site – no copy charge".

NOTE ON SMP

When calculating SMP average pay the "expected date of confinement" should be entered as the Sunday following the date if it is not a Sunday. The payslips selected for the calculation should be checked as the calculation does not take account of holiday at the start of the eight weeks preceding the qualifying week.