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End of September product release report

After a summer during which we have appointed new staff to the Global Development Department and re-thought priorities we are now ready to announce the new development schedules.

In July, Hugh Clarke was appointed manager of the Global Application Development team thus filling the position vacated by Andy Smith in 1993. Hugh joined us in 1985; since 1990 he had been running the Strategix Funded Development Team.

We have re-thought Global 3000 priorities in the Application Development Team. Rather than pressing for the team to develop new 'V4.3' modules such as Costing or Bill of Materials we are further enhancing the existing modules and re-working some areas on existing modules to provide new facilities and seamless operation of existing facilities.

Priorities for the Global System Manager development team have been changed to bring forward the GUI front end (also known as the 'Windows Option'). Furthermore some System Manager development staff are being drafted in to help Global 3000 Applications.

The recent boom in Global 2000 sales and the fact that we can see a way towards a GUI front end for existing Global 2000 applications has lead us to increase the priority we are giving to Global 2000 developments such as Cash Manager and Nominal Ledger.

The Product Release Report starts overleaf. Table A explains items released since the last Product Release Report. Table B explains items which are in the Quality Control process as of 1st October. Table C explains our current release intentions. Table D lists items which were in Table C when we last produced a Product Release Report (5 July) but do not appear in other tables of this bulletin.

TABLE A – ITEMS PASSED BY QUALITY CONTROL IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Ref	Description	Date of release	Bulletin number	Comments
717	DMAM V8.0M for Btrieve and C-ISAM	5-Jul-94	GT689	
742	Autozap run 7040	6-Jul-94	GT692	The date shown is the date the run started to be released.
747	Global 3000 Asset Register version 4.2 β test release	13-Jul-94	n/a	See item 811 in table B on page 3
732	Global Payroll Tranche IV (Interface to Global 3000 Cash Manager)	19-Jul-94	GT694	
751	Global 3000 Creditors Conversion style B	22-Jul-94	GT695	
761	Reporter V1.0 operates with C-ISAM (zap 10)	28-Jul-94	GT697	
764	Dutch Contract Protection message	1-Aug-94	n/a	
766	Global System Manager and Development Software version 8.1 B test release	3-Aug-94	n/a	See item 0 on page 4
793	Autozap run 7041	8-Aug-94	GT699	The date shown is the date the run started to be released.
739	Global System Manager (AIX) on QIC-120 tape	1-Sep-94	704	
803	Autozap run 7042	13-Sep-94	GT707	The date shown is the date the run started to be released.
799	Global 3000 General Ledger version 4.2 standing journals	20-Sep-94		This major fix to version 4.2 will be distributed with autozaps run 7043
810	Global Windows Option V1.1	26-Sep-94	n/a	Version 1.1 is not a generally released module. It has been released to the Global Product Manager, Andy Smith; who distributed version 1.1 <i>for evaluation purposes on 6th October</i> . For a final release, see item 0 on page 4

TABLE B – ITEMS WHICH HAVE ENTERED QUALITY CONTROL BUT HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED AT END OF SEPTEMBER

Ref	Description	Status, Comments and, if possible, predicted release date
737	System Manager (SCO) distribution on DAT tape	These items are being held awaiting delivery of new equipment in our software generation/distribution department.
738	System Manager (AIX) distribution on DAT tape	
740	System Manager (HP/UX) distribution on DAT tape	
749	System Manager (Unixware)	
807	Apple Workstation Colour TAP	This release date has yet to be set.

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Ref	Description	<i>Status, Comments and, if possible, predicted release date</i>
811	Global Asset Register version 4.2	This software, together with the printed manual, has been going through a rigorous QC process. Problems are being fixed prior to regression testing. This is unlikely to be released until November.

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Item	Description	Due in Quality Control	Release Expected	Comments
1	<p>Version 8.1 of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global System Manager (part of tranche I) • System Manager for DOS and Novell with DMAM/Btrieve enabled (part of tranche I) • System Manager Novell self-certified (part of tranche I) • Global System Manager PM (part of tranche I) • BOS (part of tranche I) • Global Configurator (part of tranche I) • Global File Convertors (part of tranche I) • Global 3000 Speedbase Development (part of tranche II) • Global 3000 SpeedQuery (part of tranche II) • Global 2000 Cobol (tranche III) 	<p>Tranche I</p> <p>Nov-94 Dec-94</p> <p>Tranche II</p> <p>Dec-94 Jan-95</p> <p>Tranche III</p> <p>Jan-95 Feb-95</p>		<p>The Advance Product Information has been published and the B test is in progress</p>
2	Global Connections version 1.0			
3	Global System Manager Window Option (GUI). See bulletin GT706 for full details.			
4	Novell Accreditation	Summer 1995	n/a	There is an 8 month backlog of tasks awaiting full accreditation in the USA. The self-certified CVs will be released as part of

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				version 8.1 System Manager.
5	Certification of Global System Manager under Windows for Workgroups	Dec-94	Dec-94	Some resellers have reported some issues when experimenting with GSM on top of certain Windows for Workgroups configurations. This development, scheduled for release in November, will look into these, solve any relatively simple issues and we will then be able to announce availability of GSM on Windows for Workgroups, specifying what restrictions (if any) apply.
6	Apple AUX version 3.1	Nov-94	Nov-94	This development will extend the existing Apple port to support V3.1 of AUX.
7	Speedbase Development and System Manager version 8.1A	API		This development will follow directly on after version 8.1. It will allow Speedbase databases to be held as Btrieve files on a Novell server using an NLM database server. This proposed development was presented on 6th October at the Coventry reseller conference.
		Oct-94 Oct-94		
		β test release Timing not confirmed		
		Final release Timing not confirmed		
8	Version 2.1 of Global Integrator	Final release		The API was released on 9th June (see table A). Please note that this does not yet operate in conjunction with the GSM Windows Option
		10-Oct-94 28-Oct-94		
9	Work to interface Global 3000 to the 'Uniman' Manufacturing product.	V4.2 Interface		
		Nov-94 Nov-94		
10	Enhancements/fixes to version 4.2 of Global 3000. These will be released as part of the monthly Autozap procedure. At the time of writing we have details only for the November Autozap run.	Batch i		This batch includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> re-implantation of Stock transfers for Stock Control miscellaneous changes to Invoice print
		4-Nov-94 14-Nov-94		
11	Global 3000 Asset Register Source V4.2	Source		The release is currently in QC (see on item 811 in table B on page 3). This development involves packaging the source of Asset Register.
		2-Dec-94 9-Dec-94		
12	Global 2000 Cash Manager version 6.1	β test release		The API was released on 22 June.
		Jan-95 Jan-95		

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			Final release	
			Mar-95	Apr-95
13	Global 2000 Nominal Ledger version 6.1	API		Coding and Unit testing will follow on from Global 2000 Cash Manager.
		Nov-94	Nov-94	
			β test release	
			Timing not confirmed	
			Final release	
			Timing not confirmed	
14	Global 3000 Romanian products version 4.2	Timing not confirmed		
15	Autozaps – plans for the rest of the year	30-Sep-94	will start to distribute 10-Oct-94	1-month's zaps to 26 September 1994
		4-Nov-94	will start to distribute 14-Nov-94	3 month's zaps up to 31 October 1994.
		2-Dec-94	will start to distribute 12-Dec-94	1 month's zaps up to 28 November 1994

**TABLE D – ITEMS OMITTED FROM TABLES A, B AND C WHICH WE HAD
MENTIONED IN JULY**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1	Version 2.1 of Global Integrator β test release	We have decided to not produce a beta test and go ahead with the main release without a β test.
2	Global 3000 System Test version 4.2	This will not be done for version 4.2
3	Global 3000 Costing	These have been put to one side awaiting the further work on version 4.2. Some elements will be released as enhancements to version 4.2
4	Global 3000 Distribution modules version 4.3	
5	Global 3000 Romanian products version 4.1A	We believe we can achieve what we require in version 4.2