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Speedbase Btrieve Beta Test Now Available

Global Business Systems is pleased to announce the beta release of a version of Global System Manager PM (Novell NetWare) that includes the ability to hold Speedbase databases in Btrieve format (such databases are referred to as "Btrieve format Speedbase databases").

As part of the informal testing program the software has already been on alpha release at five sites for a number of months. We are now looking for up to ten more sites, both reseller and end-user, that wish to utilise the new facilities offered with this release.

A full explanation of the installation and usage of the beta-test software is given in a document "Speedbase Btrieve beta test notes" (MPMNBETA) which is distributed with the software. However, the following points are important:-

- The site has to be upgraded to Global System Manager PM V8.1 revision V8.1d. This software is due for release by 10th January 1996;
- Currently the only released Global 3000 software that can utilise Btrieve format files is the Global 3000 enhancement stream V4.2E. A separate application for V4.2E has to be made to Richard Andrews in the City office;
- Resellers who are developing their own Speedbase products and wish to use Btrieve format Speedbase databases must also order V8.1 of the Speedbase development system;
- Any problems in the beta-test software should be faxed to the Hotline in the normal way, after they are logged they will be passed directly to development for response.
- Global Business Systems cannot give advice on 3rd party utilities that claim an interface to Btrieve format files. Only Microsoft Access, Crystal Reports and Smithware DDF utilities have been tested by Global Business Systems;
- The beta release is NOT subject to the beta test agreement described in the Reseller Handbook;

- The expiry date for the beta test is 1st April 1996;
- If you, or one of your end-users, wish to become a beta test site for Speedbase Btrieve please contact Andy Smith at Bourne End by Tuesday 16 January 1996.