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Cybernet Systems acquires the right to use the source code of the Epiplex software suite for business process improvement developed by Epiance.

Cybernet Systems Co., Ltd. (Listed on the First Section of Tokyo Stock Exchange; Headquarters: Tokyo; Capital: ¥995 million; President: Shigehisa Inoue; hereinafter "Cybernet Systems"), announced today that it has acquired the right to use the source code of the Epiplex software suite for business process improvement developed by Epiance, Inc. (Headquarters: California, U.S.A.; Chairman and CEO: Ramamaurthy Shankar; hereinafter "Epiance"). This acquisition makes it possible for Cybernet Systems to facilitate enhancements to the Epiplex software to meet the specific needs of Japanese users.

Epiplex is a tool for creating training content to instruct correct usage, improve user skills and provide startup education for engineering applications—such as 3-D CAD, Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software and Web-based business support systems for partners. The Epiplex software suite has been successfully introduced into many leading enterprises in the automobile, precision machinery and chemistry fields, among others, with a considerable reputation for excellence in creating and delivering training content at the company or department level.

The acquisition of the Epiplex source code enables Cybernet Systems to facilitate enhancements to the Epiplex software, such as increased accuracy of the capture technology, which keeps a record of user operations that influence working efficiency in creating content. Through these enhancements, it will be possible to generate training content in a matter of days instead of weeks.

One of the most promising enhancements to the Epiplex software suite is Intelligent Dialogue Technology (IDT)—the capability to show context help and reference on demand. The IDT automatically recognizes the information on a dialogue screen appearing in an application while the user is operating the application, and provides help and reference lists related to that screen. This eliminates the trouble of turning the pages of user manuals or performing keyword searches to get desired information from a long list. With another technology called Cue Card, which shows the operational steps in simple terms, users can operate application software error-free.

The task of introducing new application systems at the company or department level is burdensome to users and system providers because it takes considerable effort to learn operational processes and provide support. Epiplex can reduce such burdens for pre-installation training and post-installation support. For system providers, incorporating the IDT function into their own products enables the provision of on-demand help when their clients have difficulty operating the products.

In addition to these enhancements, Cybernet Systems plans to add other functions that are in great demand by Japanese clients. These include recording and saving audio information, recording and saving motion screens such as scaled or rotated images (called motion capture) and automatic balloon creation.

The license for the entry version, which has document and e-learning content creation capability, will be supplied for ¥1.2 million, including the first-year maintenance fee and exclusive of tax.

For sales support, distributor programs are available for resellers of Epiplex. We handle not only

the normal sale of licenses but also the sale of OEM licenses to corporate clients who want to incorporate the software into their own developed systems.

We expect to sell 100 licenses in the first year following acquisition of the source code rights.

The price of acquiring the rights was US$3 million.

About Epiance Inc.

The company was founded as a consulting firm in 1984 with the name Guru Inc. Later, it was renamed Epiance when it became a software developer. Based in California, U.S.A., Epiance developed the Epiplex architecture based on its consulting experience with Fortune 500 companies.

The Epiplex software suite is now widely used at governmental agencies, educational and financial institutions, manufacturers and IT businesses.

Epiance won the highest award for the category of Innovative Technology at the Online Learning Conference held in San Francisco in October 2004, and also won the best product and design awards at the conference in 2002 and 2003.

For more information, please visit the Epiance Web site at **http://www.epiance.com/**.

About CYBERNET SYSTEMS

At CYBERNET SYSTEMS, we provide a wide range of cutting-edge technology software solutions in technological computation fields, especially related to CAE (Note). We provide software, educational services, technical support and consulting services in various businesses and application fields such as electric, transportation and precision equipment, machinery, and educational and research institutes. We respond to diverse customer needs by promoting a wide range of world-class CAE software for structural, acoustic, mechanical, control system, communications system, illumination and high-frequency circuit analyses, signal processing and optical design. For more details about CYBERNET SYSTEMS, please refer to our Web site at **http://www.cybernet.co.jp/**.

Note: CAE stands for Computer Aided Engineering, which refers to engineering numerical analyses and simulation using computers.

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