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Oracle Works With Key Partners to Streamline End-to-End Payments Processing

REDWOOD SHORES, Calif., May 20, 2004 – Oracle Corporation, along with Imagesoft, NetDeposit Inc., Network Appliance, Pegasystems and SYNORAN, is working to make enterprise payment processing more powerful and efficient for financial institutions. As part of the ongoing alliance, Oracle will be working with these five companies and others to integrate its technology with their individual payments-related applications.

By leveraging Oracle® Database and imaging technology, the partners can utilize multiple formats of structured and unstructured data, including images and voice, in their payment applications. This capability helps reduce technology barriers that previously forced institutions processing payments to create and store multiple copies of a transaction in order to accommodate performance and cost.

Legislation such as Check 21 can provide an opportunity for financial institutions to take a more strategic approach in evaluating existing architecture. Simply replicating the existing paper flow with an electronic image equivalent is not enough. By employing technologies to create a single, scalable instance of images and data, financial institutions can streamline the time it takes to locate and respond to payment data.

Another benefit is the ability for software partners to tune their applications, taking advantage of the new database capabilities, so they can provide financial institutions with a more robust solution roadmap for enterprise payment processing. This combined effort will help institutions to maximize the return on their technology investment, lower total cost of ownership, increase customer satisfaction, and gain a clear time advantage by deploying a pre-integrated solution stack.

NetDeposit, Inc.

“As an early innovator in Check21 software solutions for end-to-end optimized clearing and settlement, NetDeposit is pleased to be working with Oracle to integrate its technology with our applications. We see NetDeposit’s expertise in delivering a fast to market, complete enterprise wide payment solution for both near and long term competitive advantage as a perfect compliment to Oracle’s high standard of support, fast ROI and customer focus,” says Danne Buchanan, CEO NetDeposit, Inc.

Network Appliance

“Together with Oracle, we look forward to delivering unified storage and storage management solutions based on the NetApp® FAS and NetApp NearStore® systems that map to the processes involved in check truncation, imaging, clearing, settlement, archiving, and disposition of literally billions of transactions each year,” said Patrick Rogers, Vice President of Partners and Alliances for Network Appliance. “These highly available and scalable solutions will continue to address business continuity, disaster recovery, secure archiving, and the disposition of check imaging.”

Imagesoft Technologies

“As the check-imaging software resource of Fiserv – which is the nation’s largest third-party processor of checks – we are continually seeking innovative solutions to address emerging trends in the market such as image exchange and Check 21 requirements,” said Ron Thompson, President of Imagesoft Technologies, a unit of Fiserv, Inc. (Nasdaq: FISV). “By incorporating best-of-breed technology, as that offered by Oracle, into our product offerings, we can provide our customers with the solutions they need to be successful in today’s changing market.”

Pegasystems

“This association with Oracle allows us to address the needs of financial organizations around the world more effectively,” said Robert Napolitano, Vice President of Strategic Alliances for Pegasystems. “Financial organizations today are looking for software that is highly scalable and rich in functionality and that can help them to reduce overall operating costs. By extending our relationship with Oracle, we are able to provide financial organizations with a more state-of-the-art integrated solution, with a focus towards faster ROI.”

SYNORAN

“There is a tremendous wave of change coming in the payments processing arena,” said Tom Hetterscheidt, Vice President of Product Management for SYNORAN. “Oracle offers an integrated solution that enables financial institutions to capitalize on this opportunity. Joining SYNORAN’s enterprise payments technology with Oracle’s proven technology and track record makes this innovative solution available.”

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