



Global Telecommunications Service Provider Goes Live with New and Innovative Software Tool

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TORONTO / STOCKHOLM, July 25, 2001 - Arkipelago of Toronto, Canada and Stockholm, Sweden, a leading developer of network planning and inventory management software solutions, announced today it has completed phase one of the deployment of its flagship product ROME™, a feature-rich tool for network planning, design and inventory management, for British Telecommunications plc (BT).

BT installed ROME™ to support the planning of the company's International Backhaul network with a second phase planned for an integrated planning, assignment and allocation system.

"The rapid evolution of networking technology means we need to have the capability to introduce new elements without disrupting the existing model", said BT project delivery manager Ken Mackay. "We wanted a solution that was generic. We found that ROME™ was flexible enough to suit our requirements without becoming too specialized."

At BT, services between the UK and other parts of the world are carried across its International Backhaul network. This connects BT's inland network to the frontier stations, from which traffic enters and leaves the U.K. via submarine cables or satellite transmission. The Backhaul network carries very large volumes of traffic, using both SDH and WDM technology. ROME™ allows BT's systems to show the status of each object, so that there is a clear differentiation between what is planned, ready for service, and in service.

"BT's selection of ROME™ shows its interest in the versatility and flexibility of our solutions," said Arkipelago's president and CEO, Timothy O'Hara. "We're excited to be able to provide our system for managing BT's Backhaul network that will allow them to easily model their network in advance and insert network additions. Having the first phase of this project deployed, and officially accepted by BT represents a positive step forward for the deployment of ROME™ at BT."





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About Arkipelago Inc.

Arkipelago inc. is a leading software developer supplying solutions for network inventory management and planning. Its premier product ROME™ is used by telecommunications carriers, network operators and enterprises in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. Founded in 1989, Arkipelago operates from offices in Toronto, Canada and Stockholm, Sweden. Visit Arkipelago at www.arkipelago.com.

About British Telecommunications plc

British Telecommunications plc is one of the world's leading providers of telecommunications services and one of the largest private sector companies in Europe. Its key activities include local, long distance and international telecommunications services, mobile communications, Internet services and IT solutions. BT serves 28 million exchange lines and more than seven million mobile customers in the UK, as well as providing network services to other licensed operators. Its presence worldwide includes operations and joint ventures in countries such as France, Spain, Germany, New Zealand and Latin America. Visit BT at www.bt.com.

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