



Arkipelago inc. announces ROME™ License agreement with Futureway Communications Inc., Vaughan, Ontario.

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TORONTO, ONTARIO. August 17, 1999 Arkipelago inc., a software development company and provider of network planning and design tools for the global telecommunications market, today announced that it has sold licenses of their Network Planning and Design software, Relational Object Management Environment - ROME™ to Futureway Communications Inc. of Vaughan, Ontario. Under this perpetual license, Futureway will be entitled to use ROME™ to support the planning and allocation of their Networks.

Futureway will utilize ROME™ to help develop efficient systems for the planning and maintenance of their new networks. Through ROME™, Futureway will be able to create processes that will maximize operational efficiency and keep customer response time to a minimum, by integrating the management of both inside and outside plant facilities in a single PC based application.

Khuan Seow, Futureway's Director-Information & Billing Systems said, "We will use ROME™ to coordinate our processes through the design and planning stages. The database created through ROME™, will eventually integrate information from our customer care and billing system with network data, to create a seamless flow of information between the customer and the network."

"ROME™ will enable Futureway to design their networks while building their underlying database. This will put Futureway in a good position to accurately manage their inventory from day one of service, ultimately translating into more efficient service to Futureway customers," said Todd Nowensky, Arkipelago's Sales and Alliance Manager.

About ROME™

ROME™ - Relational Object Management Environment™ is a MS Windows™ PC-based software application which allows for integrated planning, design and proactive management of assets, network capacity and services for telecommunications networks and facilities. ROME™ ties in graphic capabilities of a CAD engine to the flexible data storage ability of industry standard relational database systems. ROME™'s open system design and flexible database structure makes it well suited for integration with other products. ROME™ provides a user-friendly Windows™ front-end to its integrated system which stores and retrieves information using a central database.

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About Futureway Communications Inc

Futureway Communications Inc. is in the process of becoming Canada's first Multiple Services Provider for Community Networks. In December 1998, the Canadian Radio-television and telecommunications Commission ("CRTC") recognized the Company as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier ("CLEC").

Futureway will be the world's first fiber pair to the home with all buried infrastructure offering all services, high speed data, CATV/video and traditional telephone services..

About Arkipelago

Arkipelago is a software development company supplying turnkey solutions for Network Planning and Design.

Our premier product ROME™ is currently being used by telecommunications carriers, network operators and enterprises in Europe, North America and Asia-Pacific. Arkipelago operates from office locations in Toronto, Canada and Stockholm, Sweden.

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