



Arkipelago inc. announces ROME™ License agreement with Manitoba Telecom Services (MTS), Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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TORONTO, ONTARIO, November 29, 2000 --- Arkipelago, a software development company and provider of network planning, design and inventory tools for the global telecommunications market, today announced that it has licensed MTS, for use of ROME™ (Relational Object Management Environment). ROME™ is Arkipelago's premier software product for network planning, design and inventory. Under this perpetual license, MTS will be entitled to use ROME™ to document their existing inventory and plan for future network facilities.

ROME™ software will replace MTS's existing network planning system and will be used to help maintain the company's current network as well as for planning future network expansions. ROME™ will help to maximize operational efficiency by dynamically modeling their assets and network infrastructure, all through a PC based software product.

Lorraine Baisinger, MTS Network Provisioner says, "ROME™ will help our network engineering group to further improve the efficiency of documenting new and existing network equipment. Moving forward we see ROME™ as a key component to advancing the process of provisioning, leading to reduced costs and faster service to our customers."

"By using ROME™, MTS will fully leverage their existing network inventory investment, and accurately plan for future network growth. ROME™ will enable the initial user group at MTS to efficiently document and access critical network information. As additional user groups come on-line, ROME™'s flexibility will help to consolidate and improve enterprise access to network data, consequently, operational processes will be streamlined.", says Todd Nowensky, Arkipelago's Sales and Alliance Manager.





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About ROME™

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

About MTS Telecom Services Inc.

MTS is Manitoba's pre-eminent, full-service telecommunications company. Seamlessly blending innovative solutions and world class technology, MTS connects its customers to the world. Its majority-owned subsidiary, Bell Intrigna, offers leading-edge telecommunication services, including next-generation IP-broadband services to businesses in Alberta and British Columbia.

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 with a Regional Sales Office in London, UK.

