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Project Blueprint and Mercury Computer Systems join forces

 September 2004- Project Blueprint and Mercury Computer Systems are pleased to announce the delivery of a strategic alliance.   The two software and consulting service companies have been working together for over 12 months to be able to offer to their BEIMS and Blueprint clients unprecedented synergies in the capture, manipulation and exchange of data during the design, construction and final management of large facilities.

 The alliance sees Project Blueprint's industry leading internet based design and construction tools more closely integrated with Mercury's best selling BEIMS Facilities Management Software to offer a complete solution for hospitals, from the planning and construction stages to the purchasing and management of their equipment.
 Clients can take advantage of the Project Blueprint on-line database tools in the planning, design, construction and purchasing phase of building projects to quickly and easily create Room Data Sheets complete with measurements and equipment attributes. As projects get nearer to completion and move into the asset fulfilment phase BEIMS integrates with Blueprint to extract asset details to create an accurate asset register almost effortlessly.

 Mr Tony Read, Managing Director of Project Blueprint P/L, stated "the alliance between Blueprint and BEIMS makes perfect sense to us, and our respective clients. Typically, information relating to very large construction projects undergoes a complicated journey. Managers spend thousands of hours detailing a development to meet the client's individual specifications. Too often, too little is provided to the building owner during the process and to Facilities Maintenance software providers at project completion. The beauty of the alliance is that Blueprint can integrate the data captured during the design and construction process directly into the BEIMS solution, ensuring a richness of data at facility hand over not previously enjoyed." Mercury Computer Systems, Managing Director, Garry Busowsky explained "So often we get involved with a client late in the construction process, where details about the thousands of assets they own are poorly documented, and the process of getting all this important information together can be tedious and costly. Working with Blueprint means that all the details relating to the assets are already there, saving clients significant time and money."

 Mr Busowsky continues "I am personally very excited about this alliance as it builds on the natural flexibility of the BEIMS solution. At present BEIMS offers excellent connectivity to a variety of systems including financial packages such as Oracle and SUN, so the ability to exchange information with Blueprint is another endorsement of BEIMS open architecture." One of the first projects on which Blueprint and Mercury are collaborating on is the $350 Million Austin Repatriation and Medical Hospital Redevelopment. Project Blueprint's software has been used in the planning and design phases of the new complex and BEIMS is already in place to receive the details of the hospitals new equipment. Construction of the building is in the final stages and competition of the project is expected to be mid 2005.

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About Mercury Computer Systems
Mercury Computer Systems is a privately owned Australian company which specialises in facility and maintenance management software and services. Its flagship product BEIMS is a leader in its class, and provides a total solution for Facilities and Asset Management.   From day to day tasks, to total maintenance management, BEIMS effectively monitors current work loads, forecasts asset replacements and manages future work commitments. BEIMS uses the latest WEB and Wireless workflow automation tools to provide real efficiency gains for the entire organisation.

Project Blueprint
 Project Blueprint markets a range of sophisticated on-line database tools for the Planning, Design, Architectural, Construction and Purchasing sectors that facilitate unprecedented accuracy and speed in the documentation of projects.   Blueprint's RoomData® system facilitates the user to detail actual Room Data Sheets unique to the project very quickly, by providing 'Generic' Room and Item libraries, complete with attributes, measurements and enables accurate costs, effectively providing the building blocks of any new project.   The RoomData® Sheet system has been used in projects with some of Australia's largest companies that include Atkinson Project Management, ABI Group, Multiplex, Baulderstone Hornibrook, Padghams, Walter Constructions, and Slattery Australia. Project Blueprint is a privately owned company based in Prahran, Melbourne. The directors of Blueprint have over 87 years combined experience in the construction sector.

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