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----- General Release of Version 5 Accelerated -----

Great news! We're providing this special update to *The DDMS Project Report* to announce a change in our plans for the version 5 and 6 general releases. Instead of waiting until January, we plan to begin the version 5 release at the end of this month. We made this decision to ensure that you could take advantage of the latest features as soon as possible, without having to load pre-release or beta software.

However, the graphical interface for purchasing will not be included in the Version 5 general releases of eNsite™ and eNsite Pro™. We moved the release of graphical purchasing to Version 6 so that it can be thoroughly tested prior to release. In addition to the other previously announced features, Version 5 of eNsite and eNsite Pro will also include improvements to the core architecture of the software. These changes will be invisible, but will provide additional improvements in stability and reliability.

Assuming final beta testing goes as planned, we intend to ship Version 5 to 100 dealers during the last week of October 2002. We will evaluate these installations for about a month, as we normally do during general releases. After implementing any minor changes that may be necessary, we will ship Version 5 to the remainder of our active dealers.

The general release of Version 6 has also been accelerated. It is now scheduled for late first quarter of 2003. At that point, we will put a regular release schedule in effect, providing a new general release approximately every six months.

----- A Note on Internet Purchasing -----

The first issue of the DDMS Project Report included an article on Internet purchasing – a faster, more reliable method of communicating with your vendors. This article, like all the articles on new Version 5 features in that issue, referred to the general release of

Version 5. When you update your system with the Version 5 general release, the Internet purchasing programs will be installed.

In addition to the capabilities described in the original article, Internet purchasing will feature online price and stock checks with Daisytek, S. P. Richards, and United Stationers. These additional features will be part of the standard Internet purchasing functionality. As previously stated, there are no additional charges for standard Internet purchasing: no initial setup fees, no future transaction fees.

You will need to request authorization for Internet purchasing. You can do this online by using the Internet purchasing form we will publish on the DDMS Web site in a few days.

----- Correction -----

In the first issue of the DDMS Project Report, we mistakenly stated that there were fourteen product managers. Actually, there are fourteen programmers (plus a programming manager), and six product managers. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

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