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Czech Refining Company Live With Impress for EPM; Ready for Major Shutdown

August 20, 2007, Waltham, Ma. – Impress Software, a leading provider of packaged integration applications, today announced the completion of the Impress for EPM implementation at the Czech Refining Company (CRC). Impress for EPM will serve as the bridge between SAP's Plant Maintenance (PM) and Project Systems (PS) modules and Primavera P3e for shutdown and routine maintenance initiatives.

CRC is the largest crude oil processing company and the largest producer of refined petroleum products in the Czech Republic. Established in 1995, CRC operates as a joint venture with Unipetrol, ENI, ConocoPhillips, and Shell. Two years ago, the Company embarked on an initiative to improve operating performance and maintenance practices at its two refineries. After a thorough analysis of requirements, the Company embraced Shell's Global Asset Management Excellence (GAME) initiative. The GAME program was created by Shell to enhance asset integrity and plant availability, and aligned closely with CRC's goals and expertise. The program leverages a standard set of best practices that provide a more efficient approach to the execution of critical work process using SAP, Primavera and Impress for EPM.

"We used both SAP and Primavera in the past, but not to the extent prescribed by Shell's GAME initiative, and not in the integrated fashion that Impress for EPM enables," said Tomas Palma, Best-in-Class Project Manager for CRC. "The fact that Impress for EPM is a certified SAP partner, in conjunction with their participation in Shell's GAME made our choice for an integration solution very easy."

CRC is facing its biggest plant shutdown in Company history. The shutdown is expected to consume 39 days, tens of millions of dollars, and more than a 1000-person workforce comprised of both CRC employees and contractors. SAP PM and PS will be used for costing and planning purposes, while Primavera will be used to optimally schedule and manage the initiative. Impress for EPM will keep critical project data consistent between systems enabling more effective planning and scheduling, contractor management, and cost tracking and analysis. In addition, Impress for EPM will help CRC establish a best-practice template in SAP to facilitate the planning of future shutdowns.

"Impress for EPM is relied on by the world's largest refineries to ensure that SAP and Primavera or Microsoft are in synchronization at all times during major and routine maintenance initiatives," explains Warren Utt, Impress Software's CEO. "We continually enhance the Impress for EPM product with best practices and repeatable business processes so that our customers not only realize the lowest total cost of ownership for the integration, but also reach operational excellence through improved workforce productivity and decision-making."

About Impress Software

Impress Software is a leading provider of packaged integration applications that enable quick and cost-effective integration of project management and geographical information systems with SAP, resulting in streamlined business processes. Impress solutions allow integration to be completed at a fraction of the time and cost compared to custom integration solutions. Impress Software customers include global leaders such as BP, Halliburton, Rockwell Collins, US Army and Valero.

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