Wonderware Introduces Avantis Enterprise Intergration Suite; New cAO Component Leverages Canopy's Integration Framework

September 5th, 2001 – Addressing the market need for true plug-and-play B2B and enterprise application integration, Wonderware has now introduced its Avantis Integration Suite software, which enables asset management information to feed strategic business decisions.   The Avantis Integration Suite is a critical new element to the company's previously announced Collaborative Asset Optimisation (cAO) strategy.

The Avantis Integration Suite enables the rapid integration of key functional components including e-commerce, plant floor data, enterprise resource planning (ERP) and financial data. The suite is deployed on a system framework developed by Canopy International, a Wonderware e-business solutions integrator. This framework is B2B and application-to-application enabled, which allows Avantis customers to enhance their business process simplicity, efficiency and automation.

Based on industry standards developed by the Open Applications Group (OAGI), a prominent standards organisation and leading publisher of XML content, the Avantis Integration Suite provides reusable XML-based business process templates to facilitate the transfer of information throughout the enterprise and between trading partners, according to Carl Henning, senior vice president and general manager of Wonderware's Avantis Operations.

"Many companies are mired in mazes of point-to-point application interfaces that have been incrementally added to existing systems over time simply to share information between various applications," Henning said. "It takes an enormous amount of time and effort first to create and then to maintain these interfaces – and the Avantis Integration Suite has been designed specifically to solve these problems.

"This suite is the first deliverable in our cAO initiative and we view cAO as the hub of the enterprise – transforming plant floor data into actionable business information and simultaneously taking business information and bringing it to wherever it may be needed on the plant floor."

"Although there are many ways to integrate systems, the model that is required for e-business is one that is based on business processes; it has become a strategic imperative because business processes will inevitably change over time," said John Campbell, chief executive officer of Canopy International. "The Avantis integration solution enabled by our framework offers users a platform that can adapt to industry changes quickly, can improve efficiency and can reduce e-business costs."

About Canopy International

Canopy International (www.canopyint.com) offers consulting and integration services enabling companies to create open interoperability in e-business relationships. Canopy's e-business integration services help business-to-business trading partners maximize their investments in e-business technology. Canopy provides full lifecycle integration services -- including strategy, architecture, implementation and maintenance -- that result in scalable, industrial-strength connectivity solutions, accelerating automated information flow through the entire value chain.

About Wonderware

Wonderware, an independent operating unit of the Invensys Software Systems (ISS) Division of Invensys plc, is the world's leading supplier of industrial automation software. Founded in 1987, the company pioneered the use of Microsoft Windows-based, human-machine-interface (HMI) automation software for manufacturing operation systems. Today, Wonderware's mission is to provide integrated software suites that drive the customer's strategic, planning and operational decision-making based on real-time plant floor information.

Recent corporate and product acquisitions have broadened Wonderware's market coverage to range from "sensor to supply chain." In addition to its HMI and manufacturing execution systems (MES) products, Wonderware offers leading enterprise asset management (EAM) solutions as well as strategic consulting services.

Wonderware is based in Irvine, Calif., and has regional sales and development offices throughout North America, Europe, Latin America and Asia to provide support to its network of more than 160 independent distributor offices. Wonderware has more than 180,000 successful software installations in more than 30,000 plants worldwide.

For more information, please visit the company's Web site at http://www.wonderware.com

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controlling the environments of buildings, to electronic devices and controls found in residential buildings and light commercial applications, plus complete power systems for the telecommunications and information technology industries.

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