

# SSA Global Technologies Ships Newest Release of BPCS

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CHICAGO, May 1, 2002 – SSA Global Technologies, Inc.<sup>™</sup> (SSA GT<sup>™</sup>), a worldwide provider of enterprise solutions and services, today announced the immediate availability of BPCS V8.1.00. The new version includes enhancements, such as expanded field sizes, that benefit clients in all vertical markets.

“Companies use BPCS as a foundation for their ERP needs and we continue to deliver products that align with our customers’ demands. Our strategy for Version 8.1.00 was simple: gather customer feedback, incorporate the changes and ship the product on time, as promised to the clients,” said Michael Greenough, president, chairman and chief executive officer of SSA GT.

BPCS V8.1.00 was built on the strong foundation of Version 8.0, released in June 2001. A major enhancement included in this version is the expanded field sizes, which represents the first phase in SSA GT’s harmonization project called “Codification”. In this first phase, SSA GT will provide field extensions to help clients seeking standardized naming conventions for customers, suppliers and products. The harmonization project will lay the foundation for future enhancements to support complex shared services environments. Content for the next phase of this project will be announced in October at the SSA GT Global Client Forum in Las Vegas.

Additional enhancements include the following:

- Configurable Enterprise Accounting (CEA) rewrites – expands CEA application availability to all three user interfaces - AS/400 Mixed Mode, client/server and web interface. This enhancement is the final stage in fully web-enabling BPCS, which will allow clients to deploy all aspects of BPCS via the Internet.
- Added Outbound Logistics Management (OLM) functionality – also available in all three user interfaces - AS/400 Mixed Mode, client/server and web interface. Includes manual load creation, document printing based on a range of documents, automatic load generation based on load rules and load dispatch.
- Uplift in Semantic Message Gateways (SMG) - allows clients to use the current gateways with BPCS V8.1.00.
- Support for Windows XP - allows clients to install and run on computers running Windows XP Professional. Therefore, companies preferring to switch their Windows platform to XP will be able to install and run BPCS.

BPCS V8.1.00 is currently available to clients in the following languages: English, French, Italian, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese – (Double Byte) Japanese, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese.

About SSA Global Technologies, Inc.

SSA Global Technologies, Inc., is a leading provider of enterprise software and services to the world's industrial sector companies with a focus in the automotive supply, consumer goods, pharmaceutical/chemical and general manufacturing industries. SSA GT's enterprise resource and planning (ERP) platforms easily integrate with strategic partner applications to deliver e-commerce, business intelligence, customer relationship management (CRM) and supply chain management (SCM) solutions.

Headquartered in Chicago, SSA GT serves more than 9,000 longstanding, market-leading companies in over 90 countries from more than 70 worldwide offices. For additional information, visit the SSA GT Web site at <http://www.ssagt.com>.

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