



World Wide Technology Enables 900 Suppliers in Under Six Months with ClearOrbit's Purchase Order Collaborator

Dramatic efficiencies realized, including 30 % reduction in customer service costs and 60 % labor reduction/cost avoidance within accounts payable

Austin, Texas – January 27, 2006 – ClearOrbit, the leading provider of real-time supply chain execution software solutions, today announced that St. Louis, MO-based World Wide Technology (WWT) has implemented ClearOrbit's Purchase Order Collaborator (POC) to 900 global equipment suppliers in under six months. World Wide Technology specializes in helping customers rapidly build and deploy technology infrastructure on-time and cost effectively for hundreds of high technology, telecommunications and automotive clients.

The efficiencies gained through the implementation of POC are dramatic and directly impact World Wide Technology's ability to deliver supply chain savings to its customer base. With POC, World Wide Technology saw a thirty (30) percent reduction/cost avoidance in order processing administrative costs, a forty (40) percent reduction in personnel tasks for customer service, a twenty (20) reduction in warehouse receiving non-conformances, and a remarkable sixty (60) percent labor reduction/cost avoidance in accounts payable. In order processing activities, World Wide Technology was able to eliminate manual processes for creating and updating purchase orders. In customer services, the company saw a reduction in the number of inquiries from suppliers and was able to entirely eliminate the need for updating orders for the suppliers, because suppliers took direct control over their own order data. In warehouse receiving, World Wide Technology realized a reduction of the number of non-conformances at the receiving dock, while the accounts payable department saw a significant reduction in the number of manually entered invoices and invoices on hold.

POC is part of the ClearOrbit Xtended Process Control (X.PC) Suite that provides World Wide Technology with trading partner process automation by extending the functionality of its Oracle E-Business Suite. As is evident with performance World Wide Technology has experienced with ClearOrbit's software solution, X.PC has dramatically reduced the errors and inefficiencies associated with traditional methods of procurement and replenishment. X.PC does this by linking World Wide Technology through internet-based collaboration tools to its original equipment manufacturers, suppliers, logistics providers and contract manufacturers. Since X.PC is rules-based and easy to customize, it effectively extends World Wide Technology's ERP system to control the activities of trading partners during order fulfillment and shipping processes. Since POC is pre-integrated to the ERP system, all information is in real-time and all of the ERP setups, configurations and business rules carry over to the ClearOrbit software.

"World Wide Technology is using the product to virtually eliminate time consuming and error-prone paper, phone, and fax procedures between Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers and their automaker client. X.PC immediately improved material visibility. WWT knew that trying to use Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) to get 1,000 suppliers on board was not going to work. The Internet portal capabilities allowed the majority of suppliers to be connected, but most did not have electronic communication capabilities, including remote compliance labeling, and purchase order and shipment tracking functionality. Suppliers hailed the ease of the Web portal's user interface, immediate demand visibility, and improved payment times as a major

reason for the on-boarding success. Most of these suppliers now use the X.PC portal as their system of record for supplying that automotive OEM.” Excerpted from AMR Research Alert *“Supplier Collaboration Streamlines Direct Material Procurement”* - January 19, 2006 authored by Greg Aimi, Mickey North Rizza and Bill Swanton

Most suppliers use POC’s intuitive web interface to view and accept purchase orders, to submit invoices for items shipped, and to track the status of payments. However, many high-volume suppliers communicate with the system through POC’s automated EDI interface, enabling ‘lights out’ system-to-system integration.

“ClearOrbit’s supplier collaboration software has become a key component of our ability to provide advanced supply chain services to our customers,” said Bob Olwig, Vice President of Business Development for World Wide Technology. “Just as importantly, ClearOrbit has become a strategic partner, working closely with our team to rapidly add new product capabilities to meet customer needs.”

“What’s unique about ClearOrbit’s approach to supplier collaboration is our real-time connection to the ERP, validating all conditions of an order as it moves through the approval and fulfillment process,” said John Reece, President of ClearOrbit. “This ‘prevent-control’ approach eliminates potential mistakes before they occur by closely integrating suppliers into a collaborative workflow. POC offers World Wide Technology dramatic enhancements to its supplier network, and the productivity gains they have achieved clearly show a remarkable return on investment.”

About World Wide Technology

World Wide Technology, Inc. is a systems integrator that provides innovative technology and supply chain solutions to the commercial, government and telecom sectors. The company brings to market a powerful blend of knowledge, infrastructure and technology to help its customers manage the planning, procurement and deployment of IT products and solutions. Based in St. Louis, the company works closely with industry leaders including Boeing (NYSE: BA), Dell (NASDAQ: DELL), Cisco Systems (NASDAQ: CSCO), Computer Sciences Corp. (NYSE: CSC) Sprint (NYSE: S), Microsoft (NASDAQ: MSFT) and the U.S. Air Force. WWT employs over 900 people and operates more than 1.2 million square-feet of warehousing, distribution and integration space in 19 facilities throughout the world. For more information on World Wide Technology, visit www.wwt.com.

About ClearOrbit

Since 1994, ClearOrbit has assisted more than 275 clients in automating and controlling their supply chain execution processes. ClearOrbit extends enterprise systems value with proven Supply Chain Execution (SCE) and Collaborative Supply Management (CSM) software solutions that allow customers to fully leverage their investment in enterprise applications while also gaining additional value by incorporating their trading partners into their supply chains. ClearOrbit products work within the existing enterprise system to leverage a “single version of the truth,” expanding rather than duplicating functionality to eliminate inefficiencies in the supply chain. By using the customer’s data model, ClearOrbit delivers on the promise of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems such as Oracle (NASDAQ:ORCL) and SAP (NYSE: SAP) with fully integrated supply chain execution and collaboration solutions that address “last mile functionality” issues inherent in most ERP systems. ClearOrbit customers include Cisco Systems (NASDAQ: CSCO), JDS Uniphase (NASDAQ: JDSU) and Texas Instruments (NYSE:

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