

SUBNET Solutions Inc. to Develop Pipeline Explorer™ & Well Site Explorer™ HMI Software

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SUBNET Solutions Inc. today announced its plans to develop two new HMI applications for the Oil & Gas and Pipeline industries. The new products will be called Pipeline Explorer™ and Well Site Explorer™. Both products will be developed based on SUBNET's groundbreaking HMI software package Substation Explorer™, a powerful and affordable HMI solution developed specifically for the electric utility industry. As both products will leverage heavily off Substation Explorer's existing core technologies and architecture, completion of these new products is scheduled for 4th quarter, 2000.

Substation Explorer™ is an affordable, easy to use HMI that provides the key industry specific functionality inherently within the application. Pipeline Explorer™ and Well Site Explorer™ will also be developed to provide industry specific HMI functionality inherently within their applications. These products differ from Industrial HMIs that typically are quite generic, have expensive, point limited cost structures and are quite complex to configure, support and maintain. Also, both new products will share Substation Explorer's intuitive and user-friendly Windows™ File Explorer™ style interface. This interface has proven extremely popular with users due to its incredible ease of use and short learning curve.

Substation Explorer™ was designed to be easily adapted for other industry's applications. As a result much of the functionality within Substation Explorer™ is directly transferable to Pipeline Explorer™ and Well Site Explorer™. Existing Master Protocol support for Modbus and DNP 3.0, plus its Annunciator Displays, Alarm logging and Trending capabilities are directly applicable in these new products. Also, all of Substation Explorer's advanced network capabilities that provide seamless access to real-time data throughout the enterprise will be included in these new products. This includes Alarm E-mailing, Web Server and Remote Viewer connectivity via its advanced DCOM based client-server architecture.

"The Electric Utility industry's response to Substation Explorer™ has been tremendous. That, combined with the extremely positive feedback we have received from the Oil & Gas and Pipeline industries requesting we develop comparable solutions for their remote monitoring applications, really convinced us to advance our schedule for these product developments", said Ameen Hamdon, President of SUBNET Solutions Inc.

"Our company's focus has always been in the electric utility industry but we see great demand for many of our products and services in other industries. We are working to expand into these new markets via strategic alliances and OEM relationships with leading industry vendors in both the Oil & Gas and Pipeline industries."

About Substation Explorer Substation Explorer™ was designed to be Powerful, Intuitive and Affordable:

- Powerful enough to meet utilities' substation information needs
- Intuitive enough to be effortlessly used by all
- Affordable enough to be installed in any substation
- Can be used stand-alone, or networked

Utilizing the Windows Explorer™ paradigm, Substation Explorer™ provides an intuitive user interface for browsing your substation data locally in the substation, or remotely across a network. Networking of substations is now easily achieved with Substation Explorer™ and its inherent networking capability. Relay, SCADA, operations and maintenance personnel can now access substation device data remotely and cost effectively. This groundbreaking, powerful application will save utility operations significant time and money

Special Application Folders inherent within Substation Explorer™ provide advanced substation HMI and Internet functionality, straight out of the box; no programming is required. The Drag and Drop configurability of these Special Application Folders means that with Substation Explorer™, a substation HMI solution (complete with Internet functionality), is only hours away!

