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PRESS RELEASE

Markham, ON Canada, January 29, 2004 – Today, MVS Solutions Inc. announces Version 6 of ThruPut Manager, its batch automation system software product.

“Over the years, each new ThruPut Manager version represented a significant advancement, and that is so much more the case with Version 6. In fact, the new functionality built into Version 6 is so extensive that we are introducing three new optional components to the product family.”, says Murray Martin, Manager Sales and Marketing. The new release is offered in two packaging editions – a **Standard Edition** which provides the infrastructure and an **Automation Edition** which delivers our complete automation solution for batch.

The Automation Edition takes a new approach. Using simple **wall-clock** service goals, ThruPut Manager 6 manages batch on **autopilot**, and delivers optimum service for the workload. Datacenters meet their SLA targets and complete their production batch on time.

Batch service goals specified in wall clock values are more meaningful than those provided by Workload Manager and earlier versions of ThruPut Manager. These goals, combined with the importance relative to other batch work and CA-7 due-out times, if applicable, mean the autopilot functionality can go to work.

ThruPut Manager 6 – Automation Edition highlights include:

- TM-Managed Initiators to intelligently manage batch execution
- ISPF panels to specify the batch ‘destination’ or service goals
- Standard Edition functionality to make sure every job has the resources it needs before it is selected.
- Proprietary algorithms to ensure the right job is chosen next for initiation
- Continuous recalculation of the production critical path, changing job priorities to ensure the most important jobs get the attention they need.

“Other solutions, including earlier versions of ThruPut Manager, use rules to tell the system **how** to achieve the needed results. With ThruPut Manager 6, you tell it **what** needs to be achieved and it determines how best to get there. As an autopilot technology, it can adjust course when the unexpected happens – such as drives are no longer available, the critical path shifts to include new jobs, or ad-hoc jobs are contending for production datasets.”, says Jose Danobeitia, President and Chief Technology Architect.

MVS Solutions Inc., incorporated in 1987, is a Canadian corporation involved in the development, sales and support of system software, specifically for IBM's z/OS operating systems with JES2.

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