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PRIME INTRODUCES LOW-COST, HIGH PERFORMANCE

PRODUCTS FOR OFFICE ENVIRONMENT

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Natick, Mass., Sept. 21 -- Prime Computer, Inc., today introduced its

lowest-cost, high-performance 32-bit minicomputer at a press

demonstration held in conjunction with a simultaneous press

conference in Paris, France.

The new Prime 2250 32-bit system and the new PST100 block-mode terminal

ran software designed to improve office productivity through distributed

data processing and advanced communications capabilities. The new

software is compatible across the entire line of Prime 50 Series

computer systems.

In a live demonstration of office activity, two Prime 2250 systems

communicated via PRIMENET^{TM} communications software. Using PST100

terminals, program development applications such as sales order entry,

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office automation functions and file transfer were performed.

"Taken together, these products provide leading-edge technology for the solution of business problems. Prime is offering the tools to create the office of tomorrow today," said Harold F. Enright, Prime vice president of marketing and strategy. "The versatile, economical Prime 2250 can be installed in the typical office; it does not require a special computer room. Yet it offers all the advantages of a 32-bit minicomputer, including up to 4Mb of main memory, and advanced communications capabilities for distributed data processing."

The PST100 alphanumeric display terminal was demonstrated with the Prime 2250. This terminal is ideal for interactive or block-mode communications using local or remote connections. Ergonomically designed for maximum operator comfort, the PST100 can be used for general-purpose applications on any Prime 50 Series computer system.

"The variety of software products now offered by Prime clearly demonstrates our commitment to providing the best possible office system," said Enright.

New software shown to improve programmer productivity in development of commercial applications included Rev. 19 of the PRIMOS^R operating system, an RPG compiler, a COBOL compiler, the MIDASPLUS data management subsystem, and the EMACS screen editor.

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Prime's communications capability in the commercial distributed data
processing environment is strengthened by the software demonstrated,
such as the File Transfer Service and the XBM RJE emulator for
ICL systems.

Prime Computer, Inc., headquartered in Natick, Mass., manufactures,
markets and services general-purpose computer systems for a wide variety
of applications in principal world markets.

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