High-Performance, Low-Cost Alternative to Hummingbird Exceed Now Available
MKS X/Server Positioned to Win Market Share in the PC X Server Market

Fairfax, VA – October 23, 2006: The Interoperability division of MKS® Inc. (MKS) (TSX:MKX) announced today the release of MKS X/Server. This addition to the family of MKS Toolkit® interoperability products provides MKS the ability to expand its offerings in the realm of multi-platform environments to organizations around the world.

With heterogeneous environments being so prevalent in today’s corporations, the need for a low-cost, high-performance, transparent PC X server that delivers seamless integration between the Windows® desktop and the UNIX/Linux server is critical. This world of PC/UNIX system integration demands a product be available for the newest PC architectures, utilizing the most recent standards, and is easy to use and easy to manage.

MKS X/Server will meet these requirements. MKS X/Server is designed to be the ideal solution for interoperability of PCs and UNIX/Linux systems, and provides the usability and flexibility that users, as well as enterprise system administrators, require.

PC X/Server Performance and Value

"MKS is pleased to offer a lower cost PC X Server that we expect will live up to the standard of excellence of MKS Toolkit and is backed by our commitment to provide ongoing product enhancements and outstanding technical support,” said Tom Bosanko, President, MKS Interoperability Division. “In our view, the new MKS X Server now matches the quality of Hummingbird Exceed®. But here’s the best part. MKS is offering the product at less than half the cost of Exceed!”

MKS X/Server is a full 32-bit X server that operates on the Windows Vista, Windows Server 2003, Windows XP, and Windows 2000 platforms; and it is a native Extended Architecture 64-bit X Server on Windows Vista x64 Edition, Windows 2003 x64 Edition and Windows XP x64 Edition. MKS X/Server is available separately, or as a great companion to MKS Toolkit products.

MKS X/Server has been designed not only to match the future needs of corporate IT infrastructures, but also to optimize existing IT infrastructure investments.

Premiere Replacement Program

For enterprises looking for new PC X Servers and/or those interested in reducing their existing X Server maintenance costs, MKS has developed several purchase programs that can help save substantial dollars.

One of these programs is the “Premiere Replacement Program”. This program is designed to swap out your current X Server at a cost that could be less than your annual maintenance, even when you’ve negotiated a highly discounted site license. The beauty of this program is that once you own MKS X Server, you can enjoy ongoing annual savings of up to 80% per year versus the cost of your current X Server.

Features in MKS X/Server include:

- Cut and paste between UNIX/Linux and Windows applications
- 32-bit color with color matching
- Zones desktop manager
- X keyboard mapper
- Multimonitor support
- Wintif support
- Open GL support
- Built-in ssh with secure tunneling
Pricing and Availability
MKS X/Server is available immediately at suggested retail prices starting at US $199 for a single user license. You can purchase products directly from MKS http://www.mkssoftware.com/sales, via the Web Store at http://webstore.mks.com/webstore, or from any software reseller. It is also available in North America through distribution from Ingram Micro and Lifeboat and internationally through authorized partners.

To receive a full working FREE 14 day evaluation, click here: www.mkssoftware.com/eval/default.asp?distrib=PRX

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