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thoroughbred news release

Thoroughbred Software releases Thoroughbred Environment 8.41 and VIP™ 4.01

*Complete Object-Oriented Development
and Run-Time Environments*

Somerset, NJ, February 17, 1998: Thoroughbred Software International, Inc. announced today the release of their Thoroughbred 8.4.1 Environments, and VIP 4.01 Graphical User Interface and Communications products. The Thoroughbred development and run-time environments include *OPENworkshop*™, Thoroughbred's object-oriented development system: *IDOL-IV*™, Thoroughbred's 4GL; and Thoroughbred *Basic*, Thoroughbred's comprehensive 3GL Business programming Language.

Thoroughbred 8.4.1

Thoroughbred's 8.4.1 release is an enhancement to Thoroughbred's earlier 8.4.0 release. 8.4.1 adds new date types to ensure full compliance with YEAR 2000 issues, full Windows-based ODBC Client-Server capability, object-oriented definition maintenance from *OPENworkshop* and *IDOL-IV*, and an extended windows presentation for the Windows-based Thoroughbred *Basic* Environment.

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Visual Image Presentation® (VIP4.01)

Thoroughbred's VIP 4.01 is being released simultaneously with the 8.4.1 environments. It is a full 32 bit Graphical User Interface providing performance, reliability and compatibility with Windows 95 and NT. VIP 4.01 includes a communications interface and terminal emulator called TbredComm that provides TCP/IP and Serial communications to any Thoroughbred Environment, including Internet access and processing.

Database Freedom of Choice

"8.4.1 is the Thoroughbred development platform that enables our developers to access Oracle databases as well as any ODBC-compliant database," said Mark Lewis, Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Our users now have complete freedom to choose the database that best suits their application and budget," Lewis added.

Other Features

Thoroughbred 8.4.1 upgrades each layer of Thoroughbred's Three-Tier Architecture.

VIP 4.01 enhances the Thoroughbred graphical User Interface with a full 32 bit implementation insuring performance, compatibility and reliability in Windows 95 and NT based systems. New user support tools including:

- **TS ReportServer™** - a Windows-based report processor featuring the use of any Print Manager defined printer, font control, zoom, FIND command and the ability to save reports in .TXT or .RPS file types.
- **TbredComm™** - a terminal emulator, featuring Serial and TCP/IP communications.

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- **WorkStation Manager™** - a utility in TbredComm that controls toolbar development and placement, graphic screen templates development, Host communication definitions, Windows "Start Button" menu development and selection, and Internet Host IP address setup for Internet processing.
- **TS ChartServer™** - is included and supports a simple programmable interface to chart any Thoroughbred data in numerous chart types including Bar, Pie and Stacked.

Pricing

Thoroughbred development environments are priced from \$500. Discounts are available for qualified resellers.

Thoroughbred Software International, Inc. is a privately held company that designs and markets software for developers and end-users in the Object-Oriented, 4GL and 3GL communities. The Thoroughbred North American headquarters is in Somerset, NJ and its European headquarters is in Romford, Essex, England. Over 250,000 Thoroughbred systems have been installed and are used for a variety of commercial applications, including general accounting, distribution, transportation, manufacturing, hotel and restaurant management and medical systems. Thoroughbred products are available directly and through Value Added Resellers. Thoroughbred maintains sites on the World Wide Web at www.tbred.com or www.solution-iv.com.

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