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INTRINSYC COMPLETES ASSET PURCHASE
OF FAULT TOLERANT TECHNOLOGY

March 12, 1997. ITC Microcomponents Inc., carrying on business as Intrinsyc Software (the Company) announced today that it has completed the asset purchase of important new fault tolerant technology from the Dependable Systems Group (DSG) of the University of Coimbra, Portugal. This software technology automatically provides computer fault detection and correction for 32 bit Windows based computer systems. This technology from DSG has been recognized by the leading computer industry journal, Byte Magazine, in its Feb/97 issue as being of significant importance to mission critical applications such as internet web servers, database servers, control and embedded systems.

Incorporation of this new technology into the Company's product line is expected to provide a significant boost in both short and medium term revenues as a result of the new market opportunities it presents. The Company will be selling this technology to application developers worldwide and supporting it both as a stand-alone product and as part of its Intrinsyc Integration Xpert development tool suite. Consideration for the asset is in the form of an initial cash payment, issuance of 100,000 common shares, and a capped royalty. Details of the agreement were not disclosed. The agreement is subject to VSE approval.
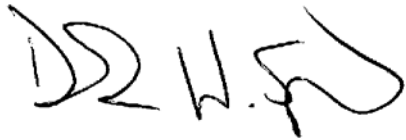
Technically, this technology is a library of functions that provide fault tolerance support for 32 bit Windows applications that need to run non-stop in mission critical environments. These types of applications need fault tolerance support to guarantee that service is not interrupted. This technology enables the detection and recovery from faults that are not handled by the underlying operating system and hardware. Those faults may include software faults (bugs) as well as faults in the underlying operating system and hardware. It performs automatic detection and restart of failed processes, diagnostic and reboot of a malfunctioning operating system, checkpointing and recovery of critical volatile data and preventive actions such as software rejuvenation.

DSG currently involves more than twenty researchers, Ph.D, M.Sc. and graduate students and has been active in the area of fault tolerance since 1987. DSG will continue to collaborate on the further development of this technology and related product developments as part of this agreement. DSG has a web site at http://dsg.dei.uc.pt.

Further to yesterday's news release, the fiscal agency agreement with Haywood Securities will be effective April 15/97.

Intrinsyc Software provides software development tools for dedicated computer systems. These tools include object oriented programming capabilities and knowledge databases for a diverse range of applications spanning multiple industries. Corporate information can be obtained via the Company's web site at http://www.itcmicro.com up until March 21st. and after that at http://www.intrinsyc.com or by calling Steve Cozine, Intrinsyc investor relations toll free long distance at (888) 553-3555.

On Behalf of the Board
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