Soleus tapped for "next-generation" PND

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Intrinsyc Software has announced a design win for its Windows CE-based application software stack. A "leading global handset producer" will adopt the Soleus platform for a next-generation PND (personal navigation device) with "realtime search capabilities," Intrinsyc says.

Few details are available about the device, other than that it reportedly leverages Qualcomm's gpsOne technology.

Coincidentally, Intrinsyc last year <u>appointed</u> a seven-year Qualcomm veteran, Souheil Gallouzi, to lead its Soleus development efforts.

Additionally, Intrinsyc says the unidentified OEM previously used its stack in a GPS-enabled handset and in an earlier PND.

Like Windows Mobile, <u>Soleus</u> runs on top of Windows CE. It is available for both 5.0 and 6.0 CE versions, and is claimed to be "pre-certified" on specific hardware. It comprises an application stack and user interface, along with a suite of development tools, and has been touted as a "turnkey" development platform.



Soleus (Click image for further information)

Since Soleus was first announced in 2006, Intrinsync has been able to name a variety of licensees, including <u>Cellon International</u>, <u>Ginwave Technologies</u>, <u>Quanta</u>, and <u>Wistron</u>. Most recently, the company said Soleus would be bundled with a new application processor from <u>Samsung</u>.

In addition, Micro-Star International has announced the Soleus-based <u>MSI</u> <u>5608</u> smartphone. This device offers EDGE/HSDPA WAN capabilities as well as WiFi WLAN functionality, and is scheduled for shipment in the second quarter.