Intrinsyc scoops up GPS software tech

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Intrinsyc Software has announced its intent to purchase GPS-related software operations, development facilities, and patents from Destinator Technologies. Intrinsic said it hopes the buy will bolster the navigation capabilities of Soleus, its application software stack for Windows CE-based phones and PNDs (personal navigation devices).

(Click here for a larger view of Destinator 7 software)

Destinator Technologies has marketed Destinator 7 (shown above), a software product that targets European users of Windows CE-based PDAs. Offering 2D and 3D views, importation of addresses from Microsoft Outlook, and an "unlimited" number of POIs (points of interest), the software has shipped with a variety of devices, including the Asus P527. In addition, Destinator collaborated with Motorola in the development of navigation technologies for the latter company's Linux-based MOTO Ming and MOTO ROKR E6 phones, according to Intrinsyc.

Now, as part of a court-administered restructuring of Destinator Technologies, Intrinsyc will acquire software development centers in Israel and China, existing navigation and wireless products, and seventeen patents granted or pending. Under the terms of the agreement, which is expected to close in July, Intrinsyc will pay Destinator CDN $8.5 million via cash or assumption of liabilities, plus 11 million shares of Intrinsyc stock.

According to Intrinsyc, the technology acquired from Destinator will be used to further bolster Soleus, a software stack that runs on top of Windows CE 5.0 or 6.0. Soleus, which includes a user interface along with a suite of development tools, was originally touted as a "turnkey" development platform for "feature phones" that didn't have enough power to run Windows Mobile. More recent Soleus-related announcements such as this one have increasingly targeted PNDs, however.

Glenda Dorchak, chairman and CEO of Intrinsyc, said, "This transaction delivers critical engineering and development resources that will lower Soleus development costs and increase engineering capacity. With the acceleration of the transition from standalone PNDs to navigation in wireless phones and connected PNDs, we see a tremendous opportunity to marry their navigation technology with our Soleus software."

Further information

More information on Soleus is available from Intrinsyc's website, [here](). Soleus has also been covered extensively on *WindowsForDevices.com* in the past; check the list of related stories below.