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OPERA 16 ~ V3.32.00

As indicated in our earlier newsletter (2005/802) Pegasus have now issued the above service release. At this stage, and as it is only a service release, we are not looking to distribute the upgrade widely, but will focus only on sites that have experienced any specific issues covered by the amendments. In any case, as is our normal practice, we will assess the integrity of the product prior to any planned release.

PEGASUS CIS ~ V2.01.50

The above upgrade version of the Construction Industry Solutions software is now available. In addition to maintenance, it contains a number of enhancements and functionality changes.

OPERA II ~ ERROR 41

Each table/database within FoxPro has usually three files. These are:

- xxxxxx.CDX which holds the Indexes.
- xxxxxx.FPT which holds the Memos.
- xxxxxx.DBF which holds the main Database information.

Error 41 occurs if there is corruption in the FPT file or because the link between the DBF file and the FPT file becomes invalid.

This problem can be caused by the following factors:

- Restoring a single file from a backup whilst retaining the other two. This is because even though the file is effectively the same, it will be subtly different to the original version and therefore, not link correctly.
- Any changes to a memo field are appended to the FPT file. The original text, although not visible, is still stored within the FPT file. The file can thus become extremely large, which is why house-keeping tasks are so essential.
- The problems can also occur if the tables are saved into any database program other than FoxPro, for example spreadsheet packages such as Excel. These may save a pseudo version of the FoxPro tables which does not match the version of FoxPro used by Opera II, and can subsequently cause corruption of the tables. It is worth remembering that such programs have an autosave feature, and even if you do not save it explicitly, it will save automatically. XRL is the recommended link to Excel and alleviates such issues apart from providing more flexibility.

The problem can be fixed in a number of ways, probably the easiest being to restore from backup. However, do remember to always advise Software Support Department of any errors or issues that may occur. They will keep a record of such instances which might prove helpful in the future.

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PAYROLL UPGRADE 2006

We are advised by Pegasus that Phase One of the Payroll Upgrade 2006 is well under way. This phase will include the legislative changes required to complete the 2005/2006 tax year and to process the payroll for 2006/2007 tax year. Phase two will cover the budget changes due to be implemented in May 2006.

In addition to the legislative changes there will be a number of improvements. A list of these changes can be found by clicking ([here](#)).

HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS (HMRC)

Now may be the time to consider using the HMRC on-line facilities, if you are not already doing so.

If your company has more than 50 employees, 19th May 2006 is the deadline for you to submit your employer's annual return using this method.

However, good incentives are still available if you are a "small" employee, and decide to submit your returns before the 2010 deadline.

Many of you have already registered and found that the eSubmission facility is a simple and accurate way to complete your returns. From our own position, we have now built up considerable experience in this field and, of course, are willing to assist any employer that is considering using the HMRC on-line services for the first time.

Additionally, by registering for the HRMC on-line service you will be able to use the numerous other on-line facilities (from submitting P45s to ordering stationery).

More information is available at the HMRC site; click ([here](#)) to access the link.

VAT RETURNS MADE SIMPLE

One of the facilities available via the HMRC site is the submission of your VAT returns using their on-line system. This would give you extra days, give confirmation of accuracy, and possibly save you surcharges.

For more information click ([here](#)) to access the link.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

Our offices will be closed on Boxing Day, Christmas Bank Holiday (Tuesday 27th December) and Monday 2nd January. During the three weekdays following the Christmas break, a full software support service will be provided, although reduced staffing levels will apply.

As this is likely to be the last newsletter of 2005, everyone in our Group (including our sister company TMB in Havant) but especially the Support unit here, wish you the best of seasonal greetings, and a very prosperous (trouble free!) New Year.

STOP IT!

We hope that you find our e-mailed information sheets of direct help to you and your business. However, if you wish to remove your name from the mailing list or make changes regarding recipients, please contact John Stannard, Support Department.

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