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Mandator Networks to develop software accessible via the Internet

Mandator and the software company Visma have entered into a cooperative agreement in which Mandator will provide, via the Internet, the resource planning and time reporting system TimeEase. This agreement represents the first step in Mandator's plans for joint activities involving ASP services (Application Service Provider). According to a report by the US analysts IDC, the market for ASP services in three year's time will be worth over USD 2 billion.

Users of TimeEase and future ASP services will find the software easier to manage thanks to Mandator's Web hosting services. In addition, ASP will give them round the clock access to the system via the Internet.

"The majority of TimeEase users are service companies. Today, they are more and more interested in buying a complete function – that way they don't have to invest in the hardware or worry about the running and maintenance. An ASP solution makes it easier for companies to expand since they can quickly get to work on new projects, clients and employees. There's a big interest in this kind of solution because it allows customers to concentrate on their core business," explains Nicklas Raask, Business Area Manager at Mandator Networks.

Bengt Helgius, Product Manager for TimeEase at Visma, emphasizes the service's user-friendliness, the excellent customer service and the security it offers.

"This is a very important service for us. Many of our customers don't want to invest in the infrastructure behind the Web service. They just want access to the time reporting system as simply as possible. It's a major advantage for us, and for our partners, to collaborate with Mandator, which is a stable, independent and highly competent player in this area," says Bengt Helgius.

Visma is one of Scandinavia's leading software houses with a global presence. Visma develops, sells, and implements complete control systems adapted to their markets in industry, commerce, shipping and the public sector. Visma is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange and headquartered in Oslo. The group has about 330 employees..

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During spring 2000 Mandator AB and Cell Network AB are merging their operations to form one of the world's largest consulting companies with main focus on the Internet and other interactive media. The new company will be called Cell Network AB. Both Mandator and Cell Network are listed on the O-list of the OM Stockholm Stock Exchange. The combined company has around 1,800 employees in 13 countries.