

Press release

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ICL Chooses StreamServe for PFI Project for Magistrates Courts in England and Wales

ICL today announced that it has chosen StreamServe, a leading software company, as the provider of intelligent output management software solutions for its Private Finance Initiative (PFI) project Libra to integrate and take online, all court documentation processing and production for all local magistrates courts in England and Wales, in all 500 court sites. In a deal worth over £450,000, StreamServe's solution will enable the rapid formatting, production and distribution of official documents that are generated by every court hearing.

"A case typically generates one or more documents that need to be produced and delivered to a number of different groups. We needed an intelligent software solution that could handle this with minimum re-coding and integrated easily to the large bespoke application development that ICL are undertaking. After evaluating the StreamServe solution, we decided to use it for this very important project" commented, Sal Laher, Technical Director for Project Libra. "StreamServe offers us a high level of flexibility and support combined with a product that is best in its class of output management."

Roger Lawson Managing Director of StreamServe UK, commented: "Speeding up the document management and distribution for the courts will help a great deal in improving the efficiency and speed of the legal process. Few people realise the complexity involved in delivering automated systems to address this. We are pleased to be able to support ICL in achieving this goal."

The project implementation includes the development of two ICL data centres, each of which communicates with up to 500 local magistrates courts. The data centres are based on Sun's hardware and Solaris platform with local courts running Microsoft Windows2000 on Fujitsu workstations and servers. Each individual courtroom is linked via a LAN with PCs and printers that are connected up to the local server and router. StreamServe will be used to set up templates of all legal documents that are required through the court process. Available in both English and Welsh, these can then be completed with case specific details such as name of defendant, case number and result.

Documents can be output in one of several streams, these include:

- Printed directly once a ruling is made (i.e. to hand out in the court room immediately)

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- Batch printed (overnight or next morning)
- Email
- Fax
- To electronic library (for filing and archiving)

The printing of documents will be automatic instead of being user driven. It allows for specific subsets of documents to be printed off, without having to run the complete batch, improving efficiency and saving cost. It is also possible to sort against specific criteria (post code, recipient, etc)

before printing documents. ICL will install StreamServe in approximately 500 court locations to manage over 600 different document templates with an annual production of approximately 40 to 60 million pages.

About StreamServe

StreamServe is a provider of eBusiness infrastructure software that facilitates flexible business communications. The product suite is designed to manage and automate the flow of critical business information. The software enables StreamServe's customers to communicate with their customers, suppliers and partners in a wide range of formats, across many types of channels and in a customized manner.

The StreamServe product suite enables seamless integration with most major business applications and eBusiness platforms. StreamServe's software allows companies to leverage business applications, adding functionality and flexibility and enables communication for participation in eBusiness. StreamServe also provides reliable, integrated and automated software solutions to enable a robust exchange of information in eCommerce companies and Internet portals.

StreamServe began operations in Sweden in 1995. During 1998 and 1999, StreamServe expanded its activities to Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, UK and the United States. Strategic alliances with business application vendors, system integrators and other eBusiness providers, enhance StreamServe's market penetration.

StreamServe's more than 1500 customers worldwide include business operating in a wide range of industries, as well as operators of Internet portals designed for business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) commerce. StreamServe had revenues of \$14.7 million in the year ended December 31, 1999.

About ICL

ICL is a global IT services company. It designs, builds and operates information systems and services for customers in the retail, finance, government, telecoms, utilities and travel markets. The company has operations in over 40 countries and employs over 22,000 people.

Transformed from a manufacturer of computers, today ICL improves business performance and competitiveness through services focused on electronic business, enterprise applications and the implementation and outsourcing of IT infrastructure.

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For the 12 months to 31 March 1999 the company's revenues were £2.735 billion which generated a profit before tax and exceptional charges of £64.5 million. Headquartered in London, ICL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fujitsu and plans to float on the London Stock Exchange in 2000.

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