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Deployment of Linux Infrastructure for Rona a Success

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Richmond, BC – February 8th, 2008 – Mr. David Westrheim, President & CEO of intelliNet, announced today that **intelliNet has successfully completed the design and deployment of a 170+ user Linux based Network Computing Infrastructure across three locations for an operation of Rona.**

The environment makes use of **Thin Client Workstations instead of common PCs** and provides solutions for **Email through the use of Novell “Groupwise”**, Office Automation through the use of **Microsoft Office compatible Open Source “Open Office”**, and Rona’s choice of ERP and Point-of-Sale Applications, all **hosted by an array of Open Source Novell Suse and Redhat Linux Servers.** **Blackberry integration to approximately 50 of the 170+ users is also provided.**

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According to Mr. David Westrheim, President & CEO of intelliNet; “Rona came to us along with their ERP and Point-of-Sale Software vendor and insisted on an infrastructure based upon Thin Client Workstations and Linux.” Westrheim went on to say; “**Rona described an employee environment that demanded simple, easy to use functionality in all regards.**” He added; “**every detail of the project was designed together with the Rona Committee and the intelliNet Project Team** down to the most minute of details. For instance, the **Thin Clients selected from Wyse were of a design allowing them to be mounted on the rear of the Monitors and 8¾” VGA cables were custom manufactured** to address space limitations, ensure physical ease and provide elegance.”

Ali Juma, Sales & Marketing Manager for intelliNet commented; “The scope of financial investment required by Rona to fund the project was substantially lower than that of some other approaches.” “**Just the lack of any License Fees for the Open Source Operating Systems for Seven Servers and the Open Source Open Office for 170+ users alone, represents one example of significant financial savings.**”, he went on to say.

According to intelliNet’s Chief Technical officer, Grant Berezan; “The degree of internal User Security and the degree of external Systems **Security is unmatched by most of our other clients environments in comparison to this project, as well as Virus Infiltration in this design is essentially a non-issue.**” “Quite frankly, it is hard to beat”, Berezan added.

About intelliNet:

intelliNet provides Network Computing Managed Services to corporate clients throughout Canada. intelliNet’s management team has been providing the Computer & Network Products and Professional Technical Services required by some of Canada’s leading and most innovative companies and institutions throughout the country for the past 20 years time. Partnering with System Administrators and IT Departments, intelliNet provides proprietary Managed Services including Network Monitoring, Spam Filtering, Virus Blocking & Email Security, Intrusion Detection, Remote Back-Up & Disaster Recovery, 24x7 Help-Desk Support and Rapid On-Site Service from over 210 Dispatch Locations across the country. Through competitive product supply and Professional Technical Services including installation, configuration and system integration of all major brands of Network Computing Products and Operating Systems, intelliNet provides clients and their Independent Software Vendors with a complete IT Infrastructure platform, second to none. On-Site IT Services Everywhere in Canada within Two Hours! Linux, Unix, Citrix, Netware, OpenVMS & Microsoft.

About Rona:

RONA Inc. is the largest Canadian distributor and retailer of hardware, home renovation and gardening products. RONA operates a network of more than 680 corporate, franchise and affiliate stores of various sizes and formats. With over 27,000 employees working under its family of banners, in every region of Canada and more than 14 million square feet of retail space, the RONA store network generates close to \$6 billion in annual retail sales.