

**Stork and Real Software bundle their maintenance know-how into
new joint venture**

***'IT for maintenance': the slogan and objective of the new StorkReal
Joint Venture***

Kontich, February 28, 2002. Dutch technology concern Stork and Belgian software multinational Real Software are setting up a joint venture which will focus on the development and implementation of IT concepts in the maintenance market. In the resulting Dutch company, named StorkReal, both Stork Maintenance Management B.V. and Real Software N.V. will each hold a 50% stake.

The joint venture bundles the IT know-how and systems of Real Software and the maintenance know-how and experience of Stork. This will create a unique opportunity to offer total solutions for IT requirements in maintenance processes based on various IT systems.

The strength of StorkReal for clients will lie in:

- Fast and successful implementation through the application of proven and tested IT concepts;
- StorkReal's IT concepts which are an ideal tool to optimise maintenance processes, owing to their integrated maintenance engineering and reporting possibilities;
- Continuous improvement of IT concepts through application of the experience with clients and Stork companies.

Theo Dilissen, Chief Executive Officer Real Software

"This joint venture fits within the strategic vision that Real Software Group has for one of its four key segments, namely Manufacturing & Maintenance. In the past, Real Software Group has had very positive experiences with this sort of partnership, such as our joint venture with Dupont. The partnership with Stork will act as a catalyst for our new Manufacturing & Maintenance organisation and will enable us to deepen our basic skills in maintenance and to rapidly mobilise and distribute them."

Wijnand Moonen, General Manager Stork Maintenance Management

"This collaboration represents a substantial addition to the range of tools with which we fulfil our promise of continually improving the economic value of our clients' production installations. With the combined know-how of Real Software and Stork Maintenance Management, we can very accurately implement maintenance information systems – both for the organisation and the IT client".

Real Software

Real Software offers a comprehensive range of ICT products and services, and currently employs 1,750 people. The group focuses mainly on the sectors Banking & Insurance, Manufacturing & Maintenance, Retail and Business & Government. Real Software is a major player in the maintenance market, with products such as Rimses (its maintenance application), SAP and various specialist tailor-made solutions.

Stork Maintenance Management

Stork Maintenance Management is an operating company within the group Stork Technical Services of the Stork concern. The Stork concern, headquartered in Naarden, The Netherlands, employs around 20,000 people worldwide and has divided its activities into four groups: Textile Printing, Aerospace, Poultry & Food Processing and Technical Services. Stork Technical Services has more than 8,000 employees and focuses on integrated technical management in production installations. Stork Maintenance Management specialises in managing and improving maintenance organisations and processes in industrial companies. (end of press release)

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About Real Software NV

Real Software was established in 1986. During the first semester of 2001 the group realised a consolidated operating profit of 9.3 million euro on a total consolidated turnover of 103.9 million euro, which represents an EBIT margin of 9%. The Real Software Group currently employs a staff of 1750 employees. The group offers a comprehensive range of software services ranging from the development and implementation of its own products, over tailor-made solutions and consulting for third-party products, such as SAP and JD Edwards. The company exports Belgian technology to countries such as Luxemburg, the Netherlands, France, Germany and Switzerland. The customer portfolio includes companies such as Du Pont de Nemours, GIB, Océ, Johnson & Johnson, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Biogen, Renault, the Paris Metro, TF1, EDF – Electricité de France, SNCF, the Dutch Post Office, NedCar, Philips, Shopi, Bandag, Goodyear, KBC Bank and Fortis Bank.

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