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## Product Brochures now available

Primavera Web Services for P6

Integration API

*These brochures are located in the "Products" section of our Website*

## CPM News

### Oracle Purchases Primavera

In our last e-newsletter we announced the purchase of Primavera by Oracle on October 8, 2008. Oracle's official takeover of Primavera operations has progressed very efficiently and smoothly. Oracle/Primavera is now fully operational as an Oracle Global Business Unit as of January 1, 2009. Our instructions from Oracle/Primavera are that the new organization will operate as usual. Related letters and Frequently Asked Questions can be accessed from <http://www.oracle.com/primavera/index.html>.

CPM has already started to experience benefits from the Oracle purchase with the increased interest in Enterprise-Wide Primavera based software solutions from existing Oracle e-Business Suite ERP users.

### Update—CPM Solutions New Website

Since the announcement of CPM's new interactive web portal [www.cpm-solutions.ca](http://www.cpm-solutions.ca), we have had tremendous web site activity. In December, 2008 we had over double the amount of visits than in November, 2008. Approximately 13% of web portal visitors accessed our e-training information and 3.5% of those signed up for the eCPM102 course, some from as far away as England and Iran.

Our new online e-training includes in-depth content and the convenience of learning at your own pace. These courses are not intended to replace the instructor led courses but to complement them. They are ideal for people who are interested in refresher courses.

### Oracle/Primavera Business as Usual

Oracle/Primavera informed us that they will honour our Purchase Orders until February 15, 2009 for orders which are based on quotes that were prepared in 2008.

Starting in early January 2009, on a parallel basis, Oracle/Primavera will sell and ship software based on new product configurations and prices. Please contact your CPM Solutions sales representative or Leanne Messina at CPM for further information.

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## When Times Get Tough

As the pundits and media paint a bleaker and bleaker picture of the economy almost daily, we don't believe Canada will experience anywhere near the slowdown that is already gripping the United States. This is not to suggest that we will escape with no impact from this global economic slowdown but with some intelligent moves from our government and central bank, Canada should have perhaps the softest landing of all the major economic powers.

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There will undoubtedly be some negative effects on the Western Canadian economy in the near future. However, we believe this can be seen by our customers and prospects as an ideal opportunity to invest in Intellectual Property improvement. By investing in or expanding the use of Enterprise-Wide Oracle/Primavera project management software solutions, organizations can improve operational efficiencies when time constraints are not as critical as in a strong growth period such as we've seen over the past few years. When the economy improves, these organizations will be better prepared to improve their profitability. Please note the potential areas of related Return On Investment below.

## Earned Value and ROI

In our last e-newsletter we reported on Earned Value and Enterprise Project and Portfolio Management Return On Investment Highlights

The first quote below regarding Earned Value was taken from the USA Department of Defense based on 700 contracts reviewed. The second lists the benefits of a formal Project Management environment as reported in Standish Group "CHAOS: A Recipe for Success" endorsing the deployment of enterprise-wide project and portfolio management solutions.

# Highlights

## ➤ *Earned Value*

- *Once a contract is 15% complete, Overrun at completion will not be less than overrun to date & Percent overrun at completion will be greater than percent overrun to date i.e. You cannot recover*
  - *(Based on over 700 DOD contracts since 1977)*

## ➤ *Benefits of formal PM*

- *88% increase in ROI of projects*
- *36% increase in employee satisfaction*
- *49% improvement in budget performance vs. prior to implementation*
- *49% improvement in schedule performance vs. prior to implementation*
- *50% improvement in resource utilization vs. prior to implementation*
  - *Standish Group "CHAOS: A Recipe for Success,"*

For a copy of the article, CHAOS: A Recipe for Success written by the Standish Group, please contact Leanne Messina at CPM.

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## Primavera P6 v6.2 Product Plan Document

At the beginning of November, 2008 Primavera started shipping P6 Version 6.2. Predecessor version users of P5 and P6 who are current with Maintenance can access Primavera directly to upgrade to Version 6.2. at [http://www.primavera.com/customer/products/p6\\_upgrade.asp](http://www.primavera.com/customer/products/p6_upgrade.asp)

### Overview

The P6 project portfolio management solution v6.2 release includes improvements to the following areas:

1. **New!** P6 Web multi-project views
2. **Enhanced!** P6 Web Activity View enhancements
3. **New!** Administer calendars through P6 Web
4. **Enhanced!** P6 Client enhancements
5. **Enhanced!** Support for MS Project 2007
6. **Enhanced!** Administration

- 7. **New!** P6 Web Services
- 8. **Enhanced!** P6 Integration API enhancements
- 9. **Replaced** Document management and workflow engine

The Product Plan Document (PPD) describes the overall direction of the release and provide an overview of the new functionality.

For a copy of Primavera's P6 Version 6.2 PPD, please contact Leanne Messina at CPM.

## Contractor Standard Discontinued as of January 1, 2009

Effective January 1, 2009 Primavera discontinued Contractor Standard. Only Contractor Deluxe will be available from now on.

The Contractor Standard upgrade to Deluxe is also no longer available. Contractor Standard customers who would like to upgrade will have to purchase either a new copy of Contractor Deluxe or P6.

## Primavera Software Tips and Tricks

Tips 1 to 8 were provided in our previous e-newsletters. These e-newsletters can be viewed on our web site at [www.cpm solutions.ca](http://www.cpm solutions.ca).

Tip 9:

Complete steps for an activity and automatically update the duration (Activity) percent complete

In Primavera P6 Windows Client, go to the Projects screen and highlight your opened project folder. On the Calculations tab you'll see the option to check: Activity percent complete based on activity steps.

You will then have to refresh the data (F5) and run the scheduler to update (F9).

The screenshot shows the Primavera P6 Projects screen. The top part displays a project hierarchy with columns for Project ID, Project Name, Total Activities, At Completion Total Cost, and Current Budget. The hierarchy includes 'Gas Processing', 'Middle Lake', and 'TA Turnaround Projects' with various sub-projects like 'Milestone Schedule', 'STAB S/D1-01' through 'STAB S/D1-07', and 'Reports'.

Project ID	Project Name	Total Activities	At Completion Total Cost	Current Budget
	Gas Processing	1122	\$504,722.84	\$0.00
	Middle Lake	1122	\$504,722.84	\$0.00
	TA Turnaround Projects	1122	\$504,722.84	\$0.00
	Milestone Schedule	82	\$0.00	\$0.00
	STAB S/D1-01	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	STAB S/D1-02	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	STAB S/D1-03	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	STAB S/D1-04	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	STAB S/D1-05	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	STAB S/D1-06	1040	\$504,722.84	\$0.00
	STAB S/D1-07	0	\$0.00	\$0.00

The bottom part of the screenshot shows the 'Calculations' tab with the following settings:

- Default Price / Unit for activities without resource or role Price / Units: \$0.00/h
- Activity percent complete based on activity steps
- Link Budget and At Completion for not started activities
- Reset Original Duration and Units to Remaining
- Reset Remaining Duration and Units to Original
- Add Actual to Remaining
- Subtract Actual from At Completion
- Recalculate Actual Units and Cost when duration % complete change
- Update units when costs change on resource assignments
- Link Actual and Actual This Period Units and Cost

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## Training

January – April 2009 Schedule:

Primavera Contract Manager, Course #202: January 26-27, Burnaby

Primavera v6 Basic Course #102: February 2-4, Burnaby

Primavera v6 Advanced Course #106: February 5-6, Burnaby

Primavera Project Planner (P3) Course #601: February 9-10, Edmonton

Primavera v6 Basic Course #102: February 17-19, Edmonton

Primavera SureTrak Project Manager Course #401: February 26-27, Burnaby

Primavera v6 Web Access, Course #101: March 9-11, Edmonton

Primavera Contract Manager, Course #201: March 12-13, Edmonton

Primavera v6 for Plant Maintenance and Turnarounds Course #CPM300: March 16-20, Edmonton

Primavera v6 Basic Course #102: March 18-20, Calgary

Primavera v6 Basic Course #102: April 6-8, Burnaby

Primavera Contractor, Course #700: April 16-17, Edmonton

Primavera v6 Basic Course #102: April 20-22, Edmonton

Primavera v6 Advanced Course #106: April 23-24, Edmonton

Course Registration: Contact Leanne Messina at (604) 294-1577 ext 117 or [lmessina@cpmsolutions.ca](mailto:lmessina@cpmsolutions.ca)

See our complete January–June 2009 Training Schedule on our website - <http://www.cpmsolutions.ca/training>

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