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Project Blueprint announce breakthrough for on-site Defect Management - ZeroDefects^{TM} now available on mobile phones/XDA's.

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia – November 5th 2004 - Project Blueprint are pleased to announce the availability of their ground breaking defect management system on truly portable devices.

Launched in April this year, ZeroDefects^{TM} has met with success in the marketplace, with 5 projects already underway, totalling A$650 Million in construction costs, coordinating defect related work from 125 Companies.

Mike Jamieson, Director of project Blueprint, said "now wherever your mobile works, ZeroDefects^{TM} is always at hand. This breakthrough truly revolutionises the defecting process, negating any argument for utilising off-line Palm Pilot type apparatus. With ZeroDefects^{TM} on your mobile, there is no need to work off-line, and synchronise multiple databases when back at a PC docking station. Now you get the flexibility and portability of using a device that you have with you all the time."

Blueprint's ZeroDefects^{TM} product has been accepted very well, with Managing Contractors, Sub Contractors, Consultants and Trades all accessing the internet based system, via their office/home PC's. For on-site access, Site Forepersons can be supplied with internet enabled laptops, which can be bulky and add to the expense of the system.

"Now Site Forepersons and major sub-Contractors can access the Defect Management system via their mobile phone on-site," explained Mike Jamieson

The system is compatible with Microsoft Windows Pocket PC platform, the basis of a large number of new mobile phones being launched recently. The system provides 128-bit encryption of all data, and users can be on-line in a matter of minutes.
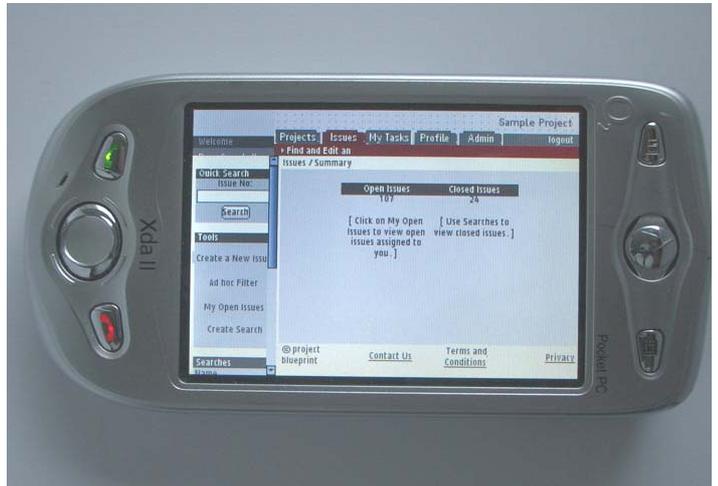
"The beauty of this breakthrough is that many of our users already have these types of phones, or are happy to have a reason to get one," explained Mike Jamieson. "No extra hardware is necessary. There is no need to buy expensive PCMCIA internet cards, or enter into lengthy contracts."

"The versatility that this mobile phone based solution gives is outstanding. This advance means using an off-line Palm pilots solution with its inherent difficulty and errors in synchronising to a central database, makes little sense. On some jobs our clients estimate they are saving one full time administrative resource during the defecting period, who would otherwise be coordinating lists of defects with Sub-contractors, trades and consultants via email/fax/phone. This resource can now be freed up for other duties."

Copy of a number of screen dumps from the new mobile phone based system

Typical log-in page, supplied by Blueprint for the project/Managing Contractor

ZeroDefects ™ 'Home' Summary screen

ZeroDefects ™ Find and Edit a Defect screen

ZeroDefects ™ log a new Issue/Defect screen

About Project Blueprint's ZeroDefects™ product:

The Zero Defects ™ system provides sophisticated functionality that allows easy logging, notification and tracking of defects on large projects, where a single database of defects is maintained on-line.

The system has been designed for construction companies, and their associated Consultants, Trades, Architects, and even the clients themselves, to provide a centralised facility for the logging, tracking and reporting of defects and building issues. The system is accessible by anyone with the correct user and password access, via the Internet.

The advanced functionality allows for the logging of many defects very quickly, and was developed in conjunction with on-site Forepersons/Site Managers. Once logged, the system provides a whole range of tracking and reporting functions, in order to ensure the defect is promptly rectified.

Defects can be logged and tracked via your PC, laptop, or any number of Internet connected hybrid/hand held devices on-site. Via mobile GSM (GPRS) Internet access, users can roam the site always connected to the Internet.

Typically, defect tracking is done via Excel or Access based databases that are distributed amongst many staff and consultants. Project staff experience 'version control' issues, and one or more person/s time is usually spent attempting to synchronise the status of defects amongst all these different databases, communicating via email attachments or even fax.

The Zero Defects™ system is so simple to use, and there is only ever one database on-line. Staff with moderate PC skills have no trouble with utilising Zero Defects™ on-site."

The Blueprint Zero Defects™ system is available on a project-by-project basis, and proves very cost effective. Companies that have more than one project underway, can view the status of numerous projects simultaneously, a great feature for across Company Defect Reporting.

Blueprint Consultants assist by pre-loading:

- The building parameters so that users can navigate to rooms very quickly, from drop down boxes,
- The list of all Companies, Trades, and Contractors on the job,
- A list of the most common types of Defects, Trade Packages, and Elements found,

By pre-loading these and other fields a user can log a defect in a matter of seconds. From there Zero Defects™ manages the notification of the defect to the relevant trade, and tracks progress through a range of statuses, from 'Open' through to 'Fixed, for confirmation by owner/builder', and finally to 'Confirmed', when it is archived in History.

A comprehensive range of Reports are available to query the list of defects, filtered by Location, whether Building, level, Department or Room, or by Trade (My Defects function), Company, and/or Status. Advanced filtering of defects is also provided, allowing defect 'type' analysis. Time based reports that show defects due this week, due next week, or overdue can be printed. A cost can be captured against the defect, and a Defect Costing report can be generated. All reports are generated directly from the web site by the user, and can be saved as a myriad of different types of files, including PDF and Excel.

During the construction process, individual trades will view defects that have been assigned to them from Site Managers or the Consultants on the job, and electronically advise them that the defect has been rectified. The system is designed to eliminate a large percentage of paperwork, and improve productivity on the site.

The Zero Defects™ system also allows individual companies to maintain a list of defects separate to other companies, effectively providing a private workspace for each Trade on the job, of great assistance early in the construction. No other project users can view this workspace. An individual company can log, track, modify, report and then close their own list of incomplete works on the site. In this manner the system provides the infrastructure to ensure each contractor exceeds quality expectations.

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Project Blueprint P/L: Project Blueprint markets a range of sophisticated on-line database tools for the Planning, Design, Architectural, Construction and Purchasing sectors that facilitate unprecedented accuracy and speed in the documentation of projects. Blueprint's RoomData® system facilitates the user to detail actual Room Data Sheets unique to the project very quickly, by providing 'Generic' Room and Item libraries, complete with attributes, measurements and enables accurate costs, effectively providing the building blocks of any new project. The RoomData® Sheet system has been used in projects with some of Australia's largest companies that include ABI Group, Atkinson Project Management, Baulderstone Hornibrook, Davis Langdon, Epworth Foundation, Multiplex, Padghams, Page Kirkland Group, PCL (Canada), BEIMS (Mercury Computer Systems), Redback Health Services, Slattery Australia, and Walter Constructions. Project Blueprint is a privately owned company based in Prahran, Melbourne. Our Directors have over 100 years combined experience in the construction sector.

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