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### **Project Blueprint announce second on-line product Zero Defects<sup>®</sup> Management tool**

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia - April 16th— Project Blueprint are pleased to announce the availability of a sophisticated new on-line Defect Management System. This 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 Zero Defects<sup>®</sup> 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.

Defects can be logged and tracked via your PC, laptop, or any number of Internet connected hybrid/hand held devices on-site. Via a combination of Wireless networking and mobile GSM (GPRS) Internet access, users can roam the site always connected to the Internet. Doing away with the traditional method of utilising Palm Pilot type apparatus, there is no need to synchronise multiple databases when back at a PC docking station.

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

Mr Tony Read, Managing Director of Project Blueprint P/L, stated, “we have had an excellent response to Blueprint from the construction marketplace, both here and internationally. Blueprint is being utilised on projects totalling in excess of A\$750M in construction costs, with a number of new projects in discussion. The Defect tracking solution was a logical step for us, continuing on our suite of internet based construction database solutions.

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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> on-site.”

The Blueprint Zero Defects<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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.

**Zero Defects<sup>®</sup> first client is the \$350M AR/M Project, currently Australia's biggest health construction project. Purchased by Baulderstone Hornibrook, It has already been used on-site to co-ordinate the tracking of defects between all Trades and Site Managers, to great effect.**

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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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> Sheet system has been used in projects with some of Australia's largest companies that include Atkinson Project Management, ABI Group, Multiplex, Baulderstone Hornibrook, Padghams, Walter Constructions, Slattery Australia, and Redback Procurement. Project Blueprint is a privately owned company based in Prahran, Melbourne. Our Directors have over 87 years combined experience in the construction sector.

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