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SUPPORT FOR OPEN LOOK(TM)

SAN FRANCISCO, February 28, 1989 -- UNIX International, the
industry association dedicated to the support of the industry
standard, UNIX(R) System V, made a declaration regarding the
controversial area of user interface.

In a timely response to industry needs and requests for
direction, and following through on its public commitment to
address the user interface issue by the end of February, UNIX
International has concluded a study of the graphical user
interface issue. More than 20 companies with UNIX
System V-based products participated in this review.

UNIX International is now able to make the following
declaration:

1.) UNIX International endorses UNIX System V as an open
    platform for X windows-based graphics software.

2.) UNIX International endorses the industry efforts to
    support multiple user interfaces over X window-based
    systems.

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3.) UNIX International endorses AT&T efforts to provide the currently available OPEN LOOK(TM) with UNIX System V on a continuing basis. UNIX International also encourages its members to provide migration paths from proprietary look and feels to open industry standard user interfaces such as OPEN LOOK.

4.) As other user interfaces become established in the marketplace, UNIX International may evaluate their appropriateness for an open architecture and may encourage their use on top of UNIX System V. In order to allow this technological and commercial diversity, UNIX International is defining a standard X-based architecture which will allow support of multiple user interfaces. UNIX International has directed its technical teams to formally work with X/Open's (TM) user interface group in this effort.

5.) In keeping with their free market direction, UNIX International further directs that OPEN LOOK and UNIX System V be maintained as separate products with separate licensing terms.

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"The strength of the UNIX system is its ability to support a wide range of creative solutions for developers and end-users alike, and we are committed to providing support for the broadest set of tools possible," said Peter Cunningham, president and CEO of UNIX International. "OPEN LOOK, which is currently available, is strongly supported by many of our members. UNIX International will ensure that UNIX System V continues to support their investment and the investment of the many software developers that are already working with the product and will do so in the future," said Cunningham.

UNIX International is a non-profit consortium formed to guide the future development of UNIX System V as the industry standard open operating system. Membership is open to all parties worldwide who are interested in the standardization and use of UNIX System V, including users, independent software vendors, computer manufacturers, systems integrators, resellers, industry standards bodies, industry consultants, academic and research institutions, government agencies and microprocessor vendors.

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