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Neuma's CM+ Certified to CMII Process

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HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TEAMS TO SHARE ONE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Ottawa, Canada. The CMII Research Institute has certified Neuma's CM+ Software Configuration Management (SCM) application to support the CMII Process Model for software development. CM+, the industry's only 4th generation SCM tool, is the only SCM tool currently certified to support CMII.

A number of PDM tools are certified for the CMII process for hardware development. But hardware systems also have software components, and these PDM tools have limited ability to support software development. Working over the last two years with the support of the National Research Council of Canada and with the CMII expertise of Nouvella Consulting, Neuma has studied the key properties of both hardware and software development, their similarities and differences, and how the CMII process could be applied to software.

The result is Neuma's pre-configured CMII Profile for its CM+ Enterprise edition. CM+ provides the elements essential to the CMII process as well as process guidance and exceptional data retrieval. "CMII is a methodology for accommodating change and ensuring that design and process-related information remain clear, concise and valid," commented **Vince Guess**, President of the CMII Research Institute. "I'm impressed with Neuma and it's CM+ offering."

Especially critical to certification was the ease with which the product can be used. Traceability is always a single click away, and role-based dashboards provide all of the information needed to present up-to-the-minute status and to accomplish the required tasks.

Companies have used the CMII model primarily for hardware system development, where inventory and production costs are significant. Software is very different. Costs are primarily in design and implementation, while production is virtually free. The CMII process was designed to be robust enough to support both hardware and software development. However, CMII tool support has been primarily on the hardware side, leaving software teams to fend for themselves.

The CMII process focuses on traceability. When a product change is requested, its potential impact can be traced back through the requirements to identify any affected documentation and product components. The CMII process work flow, embodied in the CMII Profile for CM+, provides the guidance to implement changes in the context of the CMII model, optimized for software development.

There are numerous software CM tools on the market, but Neuma presents a good case when it says that CM+ is a full generation ahead of the rest. "We're the only tool certified to offer CMII for software, but CM+ also has a host of other capabilities that provide a significant market advantage" says **Joe Farah**, Neuma's president and CEO. "Its reliability, near-zero administration, multiple site operation and easy customization capabilities, to name a few." And these are complemented by Neuma's software process maturity resulting from over a quarter century of SCM expertise.

Neuma will present it's CMII solution at the **CMII World**, the 21st annual CMII conference in Orlando next month.

The CMII Research Institute (CMRI), headquartered in Scottsdale, AZ, is best known for its CMII process, which is accepted by Configuration Management professionals worldwide as "best industry practice." CMRI promotes the CMII model by means of training and certification programs delivered by the Institute of Configuration Management (ICM) and through CMII user conferences. ICM has trained more than 6000 CMII graduates from more than 750 companies in 30 countries worldwide. Further information on CMRI and ICM is available at www.icmhq.com.

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