



Aspen Enterprise Platform(TM) Selected by DuPont Sourcing to Integrate Manufacturing and Business Systems

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sep 13, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Aspen Technology, Inc. (Nasdaq: AZPN), today announced that DuPont Sourcing selected its integration platform, the Aspen Enterprise Platform(TM) (AEP), as a corporate standard. The platform will integrate manufacturing and enterprise resource planning (ERP) applications globally across its Fluoroproducts and Titanium Technologies business units. The integration platform is designed to improve collaboration within and between plants, increase the visibility of manufacturing operations, and streamline the integration of future manufacturing and supply chain applications.

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AEP was licensed as part of AspenTech's alliance with Accenture to develop and implement new manufacturing and supply chain solutions for chemical companies. In this application, the platform incorporates market-leading business integration software from TIBCO Software (Nasdaq: TIBX).

"We are pleased that the Aspen Enterprise Platform was selected by DuPont Sourcing," said David McQuillin, co-Chief Operating Officer of AspenTech. "The seamless integration of our best-in-class technology products is a key part of our strategy to maximize the value we create for process manufacturers."

The Aspen Enterprise Platform is a key component of AspenTech's enterprise solutions for the process industries. The integration platform is based on leading industry standards and provides the basic infrastructure to support business process automation, linking AspenTech business process products and third-party applications, including ERP systems.

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Aspen Technology, Inc. is a leading supplier of enterprise software to the process industries, enabling its customers to increase their margins and optimize their business performance. AspenTech's engineering solutions, incorporating Hyprotech's technologies, help companies design and improve their plants and processes, maximizing returns throughout their operational life. AspenTech's supply chain manufacturing solutions allow companies to run their plants and supply chain more profitably, from customer demand through to the delivery of the finished product. Over 1,200 leading companies rely on AspenTech's software every day to drive improvements across their most important engineering and operational processes. AspenTech's customers include: Air Liquide, AstraZeneca, Bayer, BASF, BP, ChevronTexaco, Dow Chemical, DuPont, ExxonMobil, GlaxoSmithKline, Lyondell Equistar, Merck, Mitsubishi Chemical, Shell and Unilever. For more information, visit <http://www.aspentech.com>.

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