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We are pleased to announce the release of PECAS Vision II in Southern Africa. This new software product is a complete re-write of the well-known PECAS system which has enjoyed such wide acceptance over the past ten years. Running on the latest version of the extremely stable Progress database platform, PECAS Vision II uses true client sever technology with a Microsoft Windows user interface which enables integration with all the well-known Microsoft Office tools. The database server can be hosted on a UNIX, Linux or Windows NT server. It provides a highly flexible reporting environment using Crystal Reports and provides a data warehousing and analysis tool integral to the system.

PECAS Vision II is written by Radius Solutions PLC specifically for the Printing and Packaging industry and is suitable for use in the production of folding cartons, general commercial printing, flexible packaging, business forms and roll labels. It covers every aspect of the printing business, from estimating through order handling, production scheduling, shop floor data collection, costing, inventory, debtors, creditors and general ledger. In addition it provides an Internet resident 'Quick Pricing' facility as well as a Marketing module. More detail on what the system offers can be found on the Radius website at www.radiussolutions.com

PECAS Vision II has been available internationally for about two years, but due to a breakdown in the relationship with the previous distributor, Radius Solutions has now re-aligned itself with Infocus for distribution and support in Southern Africa. Infocus has been supporting PECAS in South Africa since January 2003, and was granted the agency for PECAS Vision II in June of 2004. Infocus was chosen due to our experience in the successful implementation and support of management information systems in the printing industry, as well as the good reputation we have with existing users of PECAS.

PECAS Vision II is now priced extremely competitively, and should be affordable by all but the very smallest printing business.

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SOUTH AFRICAN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

We list hereunder SA Public Holidays for 2005 as advised by the Department of Home Affairs. Please note that the previous Minister of Home Affairs, Dr M Buthelezi had appointed a task team to review SA Public Holidays. The PIFSA had received verbal confirmation that no changes to the 2005 Public Holidays will take place until the actual Act is amended.

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Human Rights Day	21 March 2005	Monday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Family Day	28 March 2005	Monday
Freedom Day	27 April 2005	Wednesday
Workers Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Youth Day	16 June 2005	Thursday
National Women's Day	09 August 2005	Tuesday
Heritage Day	24 September 2005	Saturday
Day of Reconciliation	16 December 2005	Friday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Day of Goodwill	26 December 2005	Monday

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 2005

Coastal Provinces: Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape, Western Cape

TERM	DURATION	NUMBER OF WEEKS	NUMBER OF DAYS	NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	ACTUAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
1	(17) 19 January - 24 March	10	47 (49)	1	46 (48)
2	04 April - 24 June	12	59	3 + 1	55
3	18 July - 23 September	10	50	1 + 1	48
4	03 October - 02 December (06)	9 (10)	45 (47)	0	45 (47)
TOTAL		41 (42)	201 (205)	5 + 2	194 (198)

NB - DATES IN BRACKETS () ARE APPLICABLE TO EDUCATORS

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SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 2005

Inland Provinces: Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Nort West and Limpopo

TERM	DURATION	NUMBER OF WEEKS	NUMBER OF DAYS	NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	ACTUAL NUMBER OF SCHOOL DAYS
1	(10) 12 January - 18 March	10	48 (50)	0	48 (50)
2	04 April - 24 June	12	60	3 + 1	55
3	19 July - 22 September	10	48	1 + 1	46
4	03 October - 02 December (06)	9 (10)	45 (47)	0	45 (47)
TOTAL		41 (42)	200 (204)	4 + 2	195 (199)

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SIGNIFICANT DAYS AND NIGHTS OF THE ISLAMIC CALENDAR FOR 2005

ENGLISH DATE	SIGNIFICANT DAYS & NIGHTS	ISLAMIC DATE
20 January 2005	Day of Hajj (Pilgrimage)	9 Zul Hijjah, 1425
21 January 2005	Eid-ul-Adha (Day of Sacrifice)	10 Zul Hijjah, 1425
10 February 2005	Muharram (Islamic New Year)	1 Muharram, 1426
19 February 2005	Day of Aashurah (10th Day)	10 Muharram, 1426
22 April 2005	Birth of Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him)	12 Rabl-ul-Awwal, 1426
1 September 2005	Laylatul Méraaj - Eve (Ascension to Heaven)	27 Raajab, 1426
18 September 2005	Laylatul Bara'at (Night of Emancipation)	15 Sha'baan, 1426
5 October 2005	Commencement of Ramadhaan (Fasting)	1 Ramadhaan, 1426
4 November 2005	Eid-ul-Fitr (Termination of Fasting)	1 Shawwaal, 1426

NAMIBIAN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

We list hereunder the Namibian Public Holidays for 2005 as advised by the Namibian High Commission.

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Independence Day	21 March 2005	Monday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Workers Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Public Holiday	02 May 2005	Monday
Cassinga Day	04 May 2005	Wednesday
Ascension Day	05 May 2005	Thursday
Africa Day	25 May 2005	Wednesday
Heroes' Day	26 August 2005	Friday
International Human Rights Day	10 December 2005	Saturday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Family Day	26 December 2005	Monday

SWAZILAND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
King's Birthday	19 April 2005	Tuesday
National Flag Day	25 April 2005	Monday
Labour Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Ascension Day	05 May 2005	Thursday
Public Holiday	22 July 2005	Friday
Umhlanga Reed Day	To be announced	
Somhlolo Day	06 September 2005	Tuesday
Incwala Day	To be announced	
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday

JEWISH HOLIDAYS - 2005

TU-B'SHVAT	25 January 2005	Tuesday
TA'ANIT ESTHER (Fast of Esther)	24 March 2005	Thursday
PURIM *	25 March 2005	Friday
PESACH * (Passover)	24/25 April 2005 Through to 30 April/1 May 2005	Sunday/Monday Saturday/Sunday
LAG B'OMER *	27 May 2005	Friday
SHAVUOT * (Pentecost)	13/14 June 2005	Monday/Tuesday
SHIVA ASAR B'TAMMUZ (Fast of 17th Tammuz)	24 July 2005	Sunday
TISHA B'AV * (Fast of 9th Av)	14 August 2005	Sunday
ROSH HASHANA * (Jewish New Year)	16/17 September 2005	Thursday/Friday
TZOM GEDALYA (Fast of Gedalya)	06 October 2005	Thursday
YOM KIPPUR * (Day of Atonement)	13 October 2005	Thursday
SUKKOT-HOSHANA RABBA * (Tabernacles)	18/24 October 2005	Tuesday/Monday
SHMINI-AZERET-SIMCHAT TORAH *	26/27 October 2005	Tuesday/Wednesday
CHANUKAH *	26 December/2 January 2005	Monday/Monday
ASSARAH B'TEVET (Fast of the 10th Tevet)	6 January 2006	Tuesday
* Holiday starts the night before		

NAMIBIAN SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS - 2005

TERM	SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS	SCHOOL DAYS	SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TEACHERS
First Term	1st School Day Independence Day School Holiday Good Friday Public Holiday Last School Day	Tuesday 18 January Monday 21 March Tuesday 22 March Wednesday 23 March Thursday 24 March Friday 25 March Monday 28 March Friday 29 April	Thursday 13 January Monday 21 March Tuesday 22 March Wednesday 23 March Thursday 24 March Friday 25 March Monday 28 March Friday 29 April
Second Term	First School Day Last School Day	Tuesday 31 May Friday 19 August	Monday 30 May Friday 19 August
Third Term	First School Day Last School Day	Tuesday 6 September Friday 2 December	Monday 5 September Wednesday 7 December
Total School Days for 2005		195	
First Term 2006, First School Day	Tuesday 19 January 2006		Thursday 14 January 2006

HINDU FESTIVALS - 2005

Makar Sankranti	14 January 2005	Sri Ganesh Chaturti	7 September 2005
Thai Pongai	14 January 2005	Purattasi	17 September - 17 October
Thai Poosam Kavady	25 January 2005	Pithar Paksh	18 September - 3 October
Vasant Panchami	13 February 2005	Mahalaya Paksham	29 September - 13 October
Maha Shivaratri	8 March 2005	Navaratri	4 October 2005
Holika Dahan	25 March 2005	Sri Saraswathi Pooja	10 October 2005
Hindi/Telugu New Year	9 April 2005	Sri Doorga Pooja-Naumi	11 October 2005
Ramavan Week	Begins 9 April 2005	Vilav Dashmi	12 October 2005
Tamil New Year	14 April 2005	Dhan Triyodasi	30 October 2005
Sri Ram Naumi	18 April 2005	Naraka Chaturdashi	31 October 2005
Sri Hanuman Jayanti	24 April 2005	Deepavali (Maha Laksmi Pooja)	1 November 2005
Chitra Paruvam Kavady	24 April 2005	Inder Govardhan Pooja	2 November 2005
Nirjala Ekadasi	18 June 2005	Gujarati New Year	2 November 2005
Guru Purnima	21 July 2005	Skanda Sashti	7 November 2005
Naag Panchami	10 August 2005	Prabodhani Ekadasi	12 November 2005
Varalaksmi Vratam	12 August 2005	Kartik Purnima	15 November 2005
Raksha Bandan/Shravani	19 August 2005	Karthigal Dheepam	16 November 2005
Gita Week	Begins 20 August 2005	Gita Jayanti	11 December 2005
Sri Krishna Janmashtami	27 August 2005		

ZIMBABWE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

We list hereunder Zimbabwe Public Holidays for 2005 as advised by the Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe. If a Public Holiday falls on a Sunday then Monday automatically becomes a Public Holiday. Whilst every effort is made in ensuring that the information supplied to us is correct, the PIFSA cannot be held responsible for any changes or inaccuracies.

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Saturday	26 March 2005	Saturday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Independence Day	18 April 2005	Monday
Workers Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Africa Day	25 May 2005	Wednesday
Heroes Day	08 August 2005	Monday
Defence Forces Day	09 August 2005	Tuesday
National Unity Day	22 December 2005	Thursday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday

KENYA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2005

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Labour Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Madaraka Day	01 June 2005	Wednesday
Kenyatta Day	20 October 2005	Thursday
Jumhuri Day	12 December 2005	Monday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday
*Id Ul Fitr— Determined by the sighting of the new moon at the end of the Muslim month of Ramadhan.		

BOTSWANA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

In pursuance of the Public Holidays Act, notice is hereby given for general information that public holidays will be observed in Botswana on the days in the year 2005.

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Public Holiday	3 January 2005	Monday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Public Holiday	26 March 2005	Saturday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Labour Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Ascension Day	05 May 2005	Thursday
Sir Seretse Khama Day	01 July 2005	Friday
President's Day	18 July 2005	Monday
Public Holiday	19 July 2005	Tuesday
Botswana Day	30 September 2005	Friday
Public Holiday	01 October 2005	Saturday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday
Public Holiday	27 December 2005	Tuesday

MOZAMBIQUE'S PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2005

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Hero's Day	03 February 2005	Thursday
Woman's Day	07 April 2005	Thursday
Worker's Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Independence Day	25 June 2005	Saturday
Lusaka Peace Agreement	07 September 2005	Wednesday
Defence Force's Day	25 September 2005	Sunday
Peace and Reconciliation	04 October 2005	Tuesday
Family Day	25 December 2005	Sunday

LESOTHO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Moshoeshoe's Day	11 March 2005	Friday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Worker's Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Ascension Day	05 May 2005	Thursday
Africa/Heroes Day	25 May 2005	Wednesday
King's Birthday	17 July 2005	Sunday
President's Day	18 July 2005	Monday
Independence Day	4 October 2005	Tuesday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday

GHANA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2005

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Eid—Ul Adha	11 February* 2005	Friday
Independence Anniversary	06 March 2005	Sunday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Labour Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Africa Day	25 May 2005	Friday
Republic Day	01 July 2005	Friday
Eid—Ul—Fitr	November * 2005	
Farmers Day	02 December 2005	Friday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday
* - SUBJECT TO CHANGE		

ZAMBIA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

We list hereunder the Zambia Public Holidays for 2005 as advised by the Zambia High Commission.

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
Youth 's Day	12 March 2005	Saturday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Holy Saturday	26 March 2005	Saturday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Labour Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Public Holiday	02 May 2005	Monday
Africa Freedom Day	25 May 2005	Wednesday
Heroes Day	04 July 2005	Monday
Unity Day	01 July 2005	Tuesday
Farmer's Day	01 August 2005	Monday
Independence Day	24 October 2005	Monday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Public Holiday	26 December 2005	Monday

UGANDA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2005

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
NRM Anniversary Day	26 January 2005	Wednesday
International Women's Day	08 March 2005	Tuesday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Labour Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Uganda Martyr's Day	03 June 2005	Friday
National Heroes Day	09 June 2005	Thursday
Independence Day	09 October 2005	Sunday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday

MALAWI PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - 2005

The following are the Public Holidays for 2005 that will be observed in Malawi in the year 2005.

New Years Day	01 January 2005	Saturday
John Chilembwe Day	15 January 2005	Saturday
Martyrs Day	03 March 2005	Thursday
Good Friday	25 March 2005	Friday
Easter Monday	28 March 2005	Monday
Labour Day	01 May 2005	Sunday
Freedom Day	14 June 2005	Tuesday
Republic Day	06 July 2005	Wednesday
Mothers' Day	10 October 2005	Monday
Christmas Day	25 December 2005	Sunday
Boxing Day	26 December 2005	Monday
NB: When the falls on a Sunday, the following Monday is observed as public holiday.		

LESOTHO SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2005

	FIRST SESSION	SECOND SESSION
OPEN	24 January 2005	25 July 2005
CLOSE	03 June 2005	02 December 2005

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BOTSWANA SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2005

TERM 1	TERM 2	MID - TERM BREAK	TERM 3
11 January - 15 April 2005 (67 Days)	10 May - 12 August 2005 (64 Days)	20 July - 22 July 2005	13 September - 25 November 2005 (53 Days)

ZIMBABWE SCHOOL TERMS FOR 2005

Information has been received from the Ministry of Education, Sport and Culture that the school terms for Zimbabwe will be as follows:

	1st TERM	2nd TERM	3rd TERM
OPEN	11 January 2005	05 May 2005	06 September 2005
CLOSE	07 April 2005	04 August 2005	01 December 2005

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