ALCiE® Integrated Solutions Announces
Major Release and Availability of
ALCiE® Enterprise Edition Version 5.8

ALCiE® Integrated Solutions, Inc. (AIS), a leader in business solutions, enterprise analytics and professional services, today announced the release of ALCiE® Enterprise Edition version 5.8. Running on ORACLE® Database 10g, ALCiE® Enterprise Edition version 5.8 is now even better suited for companies that are looking for scalable, robust applications on which to grow their business. The following release notes provide information on the latest posting of ALCiE's functionally advanced software suite, ALCiE® 5.8

Version 5.8 has been further enhanced to provide ALCiE's unique blend of simplicity, flexibility, performance, and reliability in accessing, sharing and reporting business information from ORACLE® databases. The ALCiE® Enterprise Edition suite version 5.8 is a vital instrument to growing businesses, following in the tradition of past ALCiE® versions that have helped hundreds of companies and organizations to successfully leverage lower costs to achieve real growth.

Major Enhancements in ALCiE® Enterprise Edition Version 5.8

ALCiE® Enterprise Edition version 5.8 for Windows promotes efficiency with tighter integration. It offers users a whole range of new features to improve their ALCiE® business solutions experience including more drill-down features, Laser forms and some new modules. Among the many new features are the following *major* new products:

ALCiE® Financial Bridge™
ALCiE Financial Bridge™ is a new financial reporting engine and exporting interface sub-module now available in ALCIE 5.8. This financial data-reporting tool combines the ease and speed of the "click to select" feature (i.e. selecting one or many G/L accounts by clicking in checkboxes), plus the flexibility to create user-defined hierarchical groupings that may contain any number of G/L accounts. This productivity tool allows you to produce Financial Reports for parties outside your organization in an easy-to-use and easy-to-export format option. This can be used for uploading to 3rd part systems and also includes the ability to produce reports in a variety of well-known outputs, including MS Excel, Adobe PDF, etc.

ALCiE Financial Bridge™ can easily deliver data from your ALCiE General Ledger module to your favorite spreadsheet program or be exported into a file format to be used with any of your current legacy systems. You'll save valuable time by eliminating the re-keying of data into your spreadsheet. And, by using spreadsheet graphical capabilities, you can create presentation-quality reports.

ALCiE® Cash Management™

ALCiE Cash Management™ is a new sub module that offers Bank Reconciliation functionality allowing you to better manage your Bank accounts and process reconciliation quickly and easily. It incorporates a Bank Statement download that can load information from a standard electronic file from any bank and automatically process the bank reconciliation. Non-standard electronic files can be integrated with some customization.

ALCiE® Purchase Requisitions™

ALCiE® 5.8 offers improved processing and functionality in the Purchase Order Requisition module. The improvements include a totally redesigned work-flow and an approval mechanism with automatic notification using ALCiE Messaging™. The Requisition Input screen has also been significantly improved to facilitate the creation of multi-line requisitions. The system also includes electronic Requisition and Purchase Order functionality with automatic e-mail notification and PDF file creation for permanent storage. Laser forms are also offered with some customization required, such as the inclusion of a Company logo.

ALCiE® Inventory Replenishment™

ALCiE® 5.8 re-introduces a totally reworked Inventory Replenishment sub-module designed to facilitate the Purchase Requisition function by generating automatic requisitions for inventory purchases based on usage and other inventory criteria.

Pricing & Availability

Available immediately in North America, the ALCiE® Enterprise Edition suite version 5.8 is being sold directly by ALCiE Integrated Solutions, Inc. (www.alcie.com) by telephone at 1-888-252-4350.

Complete List of New Enhancements in ALCiE® Enterprise Edition Version 5.8 :

Below is an extended list of all the new features and enhancements in ALCiE® Enterprise Edition version 5.8 for Windows :

❖ Accounts Payable Module:

➢ Streamlined Payment Processing
Reduces manual entry, increases efficiency.

➢ Full-featured Laser Checks
Ideal for multiple bank accounts; realize cost savings even for one bank account.

➢ Check Reconciliation
Speedier reconciliation process.

➢ Check Inquiry
Verify the details of each check, with full history look-up.

➢ Aging Report Output Formats
This report can now produce reports in different formats including PDF, HTML, and plain text.

➢ **Set Controls Over Duplicate Invoice Numbers for a Vendor**
Greater invoice control.

➢ **Enhanced Drill-down**
View Purchase Order details from A/P drill-down.

❖ **Accounts Receivable Module:**

➢ **Historical Information Safeguarded**
Data is preserved even after it is purged.

➢ **New Update Non-A/R Cash Transactions for Purge function**
Non-A/R cash transactions may be retained by first running an update process prior to running the purge function.

➢ **Bank and Currency Verification**
A message is shown when the user enters a Subsidiary Source that is different from the Customer Account's Customer Master default profile.

➢ **Average Days by Due Date, Discount Date and Invoice Date**
Enhancements include allowing the user to select the date – Due date, Discount date or Invoice date – on which to base the calculation of Average Days taken by the customer to pay an Invoice.

❖ **NEW Cash Management Module:**

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Provides complete bank reconciliation for unlimited bank accounts. All cash transactions are processed through this module. SYMPAQ SQL tracks cash receipts and bank deposits so that checking accounts can be balanced when bank statements are available. Daily cash balances can be obtained on demand, and detailed transaction history can be maintained indefinitely.

❖ **Fixed Assets Module:**

➢ **The ability to record asset acquisition values in the millions of dollars**
Meets the needs of larger enterprises and their asset maintenance requirements
Depreciation Set-up made easier.

Users can set up assets in both past or future of scheduled depreciation start dates within the current fiscal year for automated pre- or post-depreciation of assets.

❖ **General Ledger Module:**

➢ **Adherence to Financial Audit Requirements:**
Modifications have been made to retain original financial transactions in appropriate General Ledger applications, such as in purge programs.

➢ **Variety of Report Output Formats:**
New capability of producing reports in a variety of well-known output formats, including MS Excel, Acrobat PDF, HTML, and text file and the ability to electronically send your report output as an email attachment.

➢ **ALCiE Financial Bridge™ Financial Report Writer Sub-Module:**
ALCiE Financial Bridge™ is a new exporting interface and financial data reporting tool that combines the ease and speed of the "click to select" feature (i.e. selecting one or many G/L accounts by clicking in checkboxes), plus the flexibility to create user-defined hierarchical groupings that may contain any number of G/L accounts. This productivity tool allows you to produce Financial Reports for parties outside your organization in an easy-to-use and easy-to-export format option. This can be used for uploading to 3rd part systems (such as banks and investors) and also includes the ability to produce reports in a variety of well-known outputs, including MS Excel, Adobe PDF, etc.

➢ **Standard report layouts that are currently available include:**
Financial Statement Report by Period, Financial Statement YTD Report, Financial Statement YTD and Budget. Note: if your company is running ALCIE 5.6 or 5.7, you may be able to have this new application installed with your current version; call an ALCIE representative for details.

➢ **NEW Periodic Trial Balance Report:**
The new G/L Periodic Trial Balance report includes a transaction summary amount by account and can produce a trial balance for a specified range of periods or dates.

➢ **G/L Transactions Purge:**
Modifications made to this program adhere to financial audit requirements by retaining the original Journal Entry information thus allowing for data to be moved from the G/L Journal Entry Input table into an archive table for safekeeping.

➢ **NEW G/L Open Journal Entries Inquiry:**
Inquiry capabilities have been enhanced with the addition of a new screen that enables inquiries on the Journal Entry transactions that have been entered but not yet updated to the G/L.

➢ **NEW G/L Historical Transactions Inquiry:**
G/L inquiry capabilities have been enhanced with the addition of a new screen that enables inquiries on the original Journal Entry transactions that were input and updated to the G/L, but not yet purged by the G/L Transactions Purge program thus saving the time it would take to print out and consult hardcopy outputs of the G/L Transaction Edit/Update report.

➢ **Year End Close:**
The G/L Year End Close procedures now adhere to financial audit requirements. All transactions posted to the General Ledger from any of the sub-ledgers in other ALCIE modules, are now moved into a G/L transactions history table.

➢ **Print Chart of Accounts:**
An export function enhancement has been made to the Print G/L Chart Of Accounts report allowing for extracting all or parts of the chart of accounts into MS Excel, which can be used as reference lists by Division or by Department, as well as for templates for budget plans.

➢ **NEW Budget Inquiry:**
A G/L Budget Inquiry screen has been added to the G/L Budget Input program enabling users to display a list of accounts and to view budgeted amounts in both summary and detail form, for each of these accounts.

❖ Inventory Management:

➢ New Inventory Replenishment:
The module now provides recommended purchase information based on Usage from Sales Orders, on Product Lead Times, and on Economic Order Quantities, enabling a company to promote customer satisfaction through sustained order fulfillment, while minimizing inventory carrying costs. Purchase Order Requisitions can be automatically generated using the recommended order quantities. The purchasing agent can modify the requisition quantities in order to satisfy specific market conditions and/or operational requirements. Additional features include the ability to override actual quantity usages to account for special circumstances (e.g., discounts, giveaways, etc.); real-time inventory stock control, Multi-purpose exception analysis reporting: Usage Exceptions, Lead Time Exceptions; Review Cycle Exceptions. Replenishment Action report.

➢ Physical Count Processing Improved
The Inventory Count Report clearly identifies, with date and time stamp, when Item Quantities were originally locked, or "frozen", for a particular Cycle Count, enabling subsequent receipts to be segregated from the current physical count by personnel. Similarly, the Physical Count Update program controls when an Item's Last Count Date is confirmed, ensuring that an Item included in a particular Cycle Count is "unlocked" only after the update has been processed.

❖ Purchase Orders & Requisitions Module:

➢ Laser Printing of Purchase Orders:
This new release includes standard laser forms for Purchase Requisitions and Purchase Orders that can be adjusted to your specific needs, such as company logo placement, company contact information, and particular texts.

➢ Addition of Requisition Approvals.
The new Requisition Approval system allows for filtering of requisitions based on Division, Department and End User. The approval can be activated for the entire Requisition or by individual line items, the latter providing for a more detailed verification of the requisition lines before approval is granted. As an alternative to approving the line items, they can also be placed on Hold (e.g. to be approved at a later time) or Cancelled by the approver.

➢ Purchase Order Generation Enhancement:
The Purchase Order module can be configured to automatically assign a Purchase Order Number or, alternatively, to let the user assign a number manually. The module now includes a step that protects against the possibility that a system-generated Purchase Order Number conflicts with a manually assigned Purchase Order Number.

❖ Sales Orders Module:

➢ Revamped Sales Analysis Reporting:
Sales Analysis Reports have been enhanced to handle multi-currency sales for the same item, the ability to present sales figures by Calendar period, the ability to present sales figures by Fiscal period, and the capacity to accommodate higher sales amounts.

➢ Large Sales Order Processing:
Several application programs involved in the Sales Order Processing cycle, such as Order Entry, Shipping and Invoicing, have been enhanced to handle large orders associated with larger-sized distribution businesses.

> ➢ Better feedback during Sales Order Processing:
The "Report Status" window in the Sales Order Processing programs that perform Edits/Updates now provide the execution progress by displaying the current Order number and/or Order Line Item being processed.

This gives a better indication of the events occurring in the program, rather than the standard "Working…" status message.

> ➢ Selective Invoice Print Sorting:
The Invoice Printing program now enables the user to specify that the invoices should be sorted first by Customer Number, then sorted by Invoice Number.

> ➢ Improved Point-of-sale Processing:
The Payment Section of the Order Entry Point-of-Sale function now obliges the user to specify a payment amount in all cases providing tighter control over the processing of such Orders.

❖ Security Management Module:

> ➢ User Set-up Enhancement:
An application tool named "Create/Drop User Work Objects", has been developed to enable the creation of a user's "work objects" (temporary tables which ALCIE applications use to access the database), and thus eliminate having to create, for each individual user, all possible work objects for all existing ALCIE modules.

> ➢ User Work Objects Inquiry:
An inquiry screen has also has been added to quickly find out what database objects a particular user currently has.

> ➢ Role Inquiries into Reports:
Three "Role Inquiry" screens (Alcie User Tables Inquiry/Report, Alcie Table Roles Inquiry/Report, and Alcie Table Users Inquiry/Report) have been enhanced to provide report capabilities.

❖ System Administration Module:

> ➢ New User Creation Wizard:
An easy-to-use, time-saving, "user creation" utility has been included which creates a new user and also perform the three remaining assignments required to complete the user's set-up and access to ALCIE from within a single screen. The assignments include: Creation of a new Oracle® ALCIE User, Setting up of the ALCIE User under an initial Company, Assignment of all Companies accessible to the ALCIE User, Assignment of the ALCIE User to a Menu Work Class.

❖ System-Wide Functions

> ➢ New Printer Control File for ALCIE Standard Reports
Due to the diversity of printer brands, models, and various printing character requirements, a new ALCIE Printer Control File has been included to provide a general solution for printing ALCIE Standard reports in compressed mode (132 characters per line) and up to 66 lines per page. These new printer commands will work with all HP LaserJet series printers, virtually all HP DeskJet printers, and compatible with most non-HP brand printers that support PCL ("Printer Control Language") standard commands.

About ALCiE Integrated Solutions

ALCiE Integrated Solutions provides a unified family of ALCIE® enterprise data management software suites, analytics, automated reports, and related business and data solutions. The well-known ALCIE modules are an integrated software solution based on ORACLE® technology, and are quickly bridged into existing legacy systems taking advantage of a company's IT investment and optimizing its business data process cycle. The company's singular focus is creating and implementing fast, reliable, easy-to-use, and cost-effective solutions to meet the business data requirements of small, medium and large enterprises. The company's software products seamlessly ensure the reliable, rapid access of data files, and business-critical reports, all on a bullet-proof and reliable database architecture. Additional information on ALCiE Integrated Solutions is available at **www.alcie.com**.

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