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## ActiveAsset Planner powers Olympic Village facility management



Sydney's Stadium Australia

If there is a gold medal for excellence in facility management, Marc Klein and his team in Sydney are in the finals. Klein, program manager for the

Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games, Olympic Village Support Operations, and his staff successfully manage the space and building asset demands of the massive Sydney 2000 Olympic Village, perhaps one of the most monumental facility management tasks on the globe.

"The village was purpose-built to house more than 15,000 people for 30 days," says Klein. "We had more than 10,000 staff members working to operate the Olympic Village over a 24-hour period, with over 4,000 working at any one time. Each day, more than 3,000 guests visited the Olympic Village, creating a total population of approximately 22,000 at any one time."

Right after the close of the Olympic Games, Klein's team reconfigured most of the site to prepare for the Paralympic Games, housing 7,000 people, including 1,500 wheelchair athletes.

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#### Expeditor offers same-day delivery.

Billing itself as "the new shipping service for the dotcom era," 800SameDay claims to be able to offer same-day shipping to any zip code in North America regardless of weight, at a price that rivals premium overnight delivery from other services. The new service comes from a division of Associated Global Systems, a full-service shipping and logistics company in business since 1958.

<http://www.800sameday.com/>

#### Online mechanical parts catalog includes DGN support.

MDcyberCAD offers designers and engineers free on-line access to over 680,000 standard

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“We have basically outfitted, completely moved in and set up two suburbs’ worth of goods with \$25 million worth of furnishings and \$60 million worth of technology,” says Klein. “All the pieces have to be put in the right room in the right place in a very short space of time for us to operate. What we are really talking about is building all the inventories of assets, then managing them, getting them all moved around, then changing ownership, all within in a two-week timeframe.”

Using Bentley’s ActiveAsset Planner, Klein’s team integrated all those details into one comprehensive system. With the help of Australian MVAR Quantum Leap, ActiveAsset Planner was customized to catalog furnishings, fittings, equipment, technology, rate card and staff to predefined spaces to the Olympic architectural space data and drawings. The system designated an “owner” or “function” to its associated space. It incorporated the existing housing allocation tracking system to assign the appropriate NOC (National Olympics Committee) as the owner of specific spaces in the Olympic Village. Further, the system linked MicroStation DGN files at a room level to the database. It then enabled the querying and updating of the database live from the drawing. The system was linked to a hotel front office system to manage the hotel-style functions of check-in, check-out, housekeeping and maintenance.

“The application covered all aspects of Olympic Village maintenance,” says Quantum Leap Principal Marc Forestieri. “To our knowledge, it is

and supplier-catalog parts in native MicroStation DGN format. The Web site, <http://www.mdcybercad.com/>, also supports a variety of other software systems.

### **Intergraph and SGI finalize strategic alliance terms.**

SGI is acquiring certain assets from Intergraph, including the award-winning Zx10 family of workstations and servers. The Zx10 line will be marketed exclusively by SGI and will complement SGI’s recently announced line of Intel processor-based workstations. SGI has hired approximately 60 Intergraph Computer Systems employees in marketing, sales and engineering as a global sales and support team for the Zx10 systems. Intergraph’s vertically focused business units will now resell SGI products and services.

the first time that such an automated system was used to maintain the quality of the Village throughout the Games.”

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## **Netscape 6.0 nears final release.**

The third preview release of the long-awaited new Web browser shipped in early October, and Netscape officials said the final release would definitely ship “before the end of the year.” Netscape 6.0 is intended to be a radical overhaul of the company’s original browser—the product that effectively launched the World Wide Web. “We made some hard decisions to take the browser into the future, and we stand by them,” a company spokesman said, downplaying delays in the project.

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