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## Systemware celebrates “30 Years of Innovation”

**Toronto, October 22, 2008** – Systemware Innovation (SWI) is proud to announce that today it is celebrating 30 years of providing innovative software and hardware solutions to the energy, financial, oil/gas and transportation industries.

“I am very proud of what SWI has accomplished in the past 30 years. Our consultants have worked on many challenging projects and have established an unequalled reputation for technical excellence and an ability to deliver consistently,” commented John Wherry, founder of Systemware Innovation and Chairman of the SWI Group of Companies.

In the early 1980s, SWI started working on projects in the power industry, building instrumentation and control systems for nuclear generating stations. SWI also helped develop the software engineering quality assurance standards and procedures used throughout the Canadian nuclear industry.

“Our continued success is a tribute to the dedicated people of SWI who come to work every day intent on making a positive and meaningful impact on our clients’ businesses,” remarked current CEO David Tremaine. “We are looking forward to our next 30 years with great enthusiasm.”

Through the work in the power industry, SWI developed a strong appreciation of operational support needs. Seeing the need for proactive monitoring of mission critical systems, SWI built a server-monitoring product that was certified for use in the nuclear industry. In 1994, this product group was spun-off as a separate company called Halcyon Monitoring Solutions, which went on to build monitoring and management products for Sun, Cisco and others. Halcyon's PrimeAlert® product was the basis of Sun Management Center, an integral part of every Sun server since 2001. In 2005, Halcyon started a new venture xkoto Inc. xkoto's GRIDSCALE Database Load Balancing solution allows customers to utilize previously passive assets in a fully active database cluster for availability, resiliency and scalability.

The work with mission critical and safety systems also led to projects in the rail industry, with SWI developing dispatching systems, environmental monitoring, and advanced train control systems.

As part of its objective to maintain strong technical skills in relevant technologies, SWI has always been an early adopter of significant emerging technologies. In the early 1990s, SWI used its Unix experience to gain financial industry clients who were looking for consultants with Unix and client / server expertise.

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This led to the development of a large financial industry practice, with SWI involved in the implementation of trading floors, state-of-the-art trading systems for major brokers, and workflow automation systems for major investment managers. In 2000, SWI spun-off part of this practice as a separate company called StraightThrough, which provides products and services to investment industry. StraightThrough's expertise in CRM led to a new venture in 2008 called Tier1CRM, which provides vertically specialized CRM products delivered via the Software as a Service (SaaS) model.

SWI's wealth of power industry expertise, coupled with our financial trading knowledge, has helped us play a major role in the development of many key energy markets systems since 2000. The deregulation of Ontario's electricity marketplace has also led to many opportunities within this sector.

SWI is now applying our long history with instrumentation and control and our technical excellence to help in the worldwide initiative to modernize the control and monitoring systems used in the oil industry.

SWI has been a key contributor in the success of over 1,000 projects. Our consultants work both as attached staff, complementing their clients' project teams, and on solutions managed at SWI facilities.

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Founded in 1978, SWI is celebrating 30 years of offering unsurpassed engineering services for the creation of mission critical applications. Let us know how we can help you during our next "30 Years of Innovation."