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Innovative Software Solutions acquires Arc Growing Software

GRAND RAPIDS, MI, May 3, 2011 – Innovative Software Solutions (ISS), makers of Picas Greenhouse Production Software, has recently announced the acquisition of Arc Growing Software. The decision to acquire Arc came after two years of discussions between Cathy Dopp, president and owner of Arc, and John Stallmer, president and owner of ISS. Stallmer said, “As Cathy and I looked at the vision of our two companies, it became apparent that the best solution would be to combine our resources and work toward meeting the needs of both the large and small growers. As both companies were in the midst of .Net conversions, it made sense to work through this process together rather than separately.” Dopp and one other former Arc employee are now official employees of ISS.

At this time, ISS will continue to support and develop the Arc product. As ISS and Arc work together to develop the .Net front end, the goal is to develop a set of products that not only build off of the same core foundation, but will also work very well together. ISS’s experience in broker and supplier integrations will provide the framework for working on integrations between Picas growers and Arc growers.

Both Stallmer and Dopp are excited about the possibilities of this acquisition. Dopp says, “There have been many companies that have approached me about partnering or merging in the past – but ISS has been the only company that has the customer support and values that I trust. ISS has also been the only company we’ve encountered that puts the needs of their current customers over prospects and

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potential new sales. There has been almost two years of work put in to reaching this point, but whenever both our companies dug into research issues we never failed to come up with better solutions than either party expected.”

For additional information on Picas, contact Alison Cory or visit www.picas-software.com .

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ABOUT INNOVATIVE SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS - Innovative Software Solutions is the developer of Picas Greenhouse Production Software -- a fully integrated program used to manage everything from inventory, accounting, crop management and speculation, labor tracking, order entry, and data collection. Arc Growing Software is also a product of ISS.

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