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## **NEXUS ANNOUNCES INTRODUCTION OF NEXUS *Oz<sup>opx</sup>*<sup>TM</sup>**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS (September 20, 2004)** – Nexus Solutions announced today the release of Nexus *Oz<sup>opx</sup>*<sup>TM</sup>, the newest version of the Nexus *Oz* software suite.

Nexus *Oz<sup>opx</sup>* now offers tighter integration with your existing systems, a modular structure for a more easily configurable solution and increased ease-of-use.

This release of Nexus *Oz<sup>opx</sup>* has accelerated the evolution toward a completely open architecture software system based on recognized industry standards. The *Oz<sup>opx</sup>* suite now uses the Microsoft<sup>®</sup>.NET framework as well as employing XML for tighter integration capabilities. New functionality has also been added to increase ease-of-use for operations and maintenance personnel. By answering industry demands for a seamless flow of diagnostic information from the instrument throughout the enterprise, Nexus *Oz<sup>opx</sup>* achieves a new level of cohesiveness between operations, maintenance and management.

The Nexus *Oz<sup>opx</sup>* software suite creates the framework for implementing Nexus' overall real-time operations excellence solution - *rtOp<sup>x</sup>*<sup>TM</sup>. Now available in distinct modules, Nexus *Oz<sup>opx</sup>* provides a scalable solution to allow clients greater flexibility to work within their current requirements. The Sensor and Controller Diagnostics module monitors the health and reliability of all plant instrumentation and controllers, which allows operators to make decisions based on accurate data. The Equipment Performance module monitors equipment continually to determine whether it is performing below expectations and help plant personnel predict and schedule maintenance with minimal production outages. The Knowledge Model module enables companies to deploy their PSM documents, best practices and the knowledge of their most senior operations personnel across the enterprise so that all operators can proactively respond to developing plant situations in a timely and accurate manner. And, the Information Advisory module provides a real-time view of advisories, while the Information Explorer module permits sophisticated archive searches. According to ARC Vice President Asish Ghosh, "In ARC's opinion, there is a strong need around the world for knowledge-based solutions. The user needs these solutions to be flexible and easy to deploy. With the release of *Oz<sup>opx</sup>*<sup>TM</sup>, Nexus has provided their clients with a modular and scalable platform to make the deployment and use of knowledge easier."

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By combining the significant functional enhancements to the modules - such as more extensive archive query capabilities - and the operations-oriented real-time approach to plant processes, the new Nexus **Oz<sup>opx</sup>** permits the maintenance, technical support and management departments to take a proactive approach to operations and maintenance activities in an integrated, time-saving manner. Thus, operations become more efficient, profit improves and knowledge is shared throughout the enterprise.

#### **About Nexus Solutions:**

Nexus Solutions, Inc. is the premier provider of advanced **rtOp<sup>x</sup>**™ (Real-Time Operations Excellence) applications to the process and power industries. Founded in 1996 and based in Kingwood, Texas, Nexus Solutions is committed to helping clients improve their operating efficiency, increase profits and deploy knowledge throughout the enterprise. Nexus brands include **rtOp<sup>x</sup>** solutions and the Nexus **Oz<sup>opx</sup>**™ software used to deliver **rtOp<sup>x</sup>** solutions. For additional information, visit [www.nexusopx.com](http://www.nexusopx.com), or contact us at +1 (281) 359-5190.