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## SherWare releases new version of all its products

SherWare, Inc. began releasing Version 3 of the Disbursement and JIB Manager Integrated Edition this month, after completing a two-year overhaul of the oil and gas accounting software that integrates with QuickBooks. This release completes the renovations of all three software products that SherWare, Inc. distributes, including the Accounting Manager and the Disbursement and JIB Manager Standalone.

“We’ve been working on these new versions for awhile because we wanted to keep up with the changes of Microsoft Windows,” said Phil Sherwood, owner of SherWare, Inc. “They’ve released Windows Vista and now Windows 7, so we want our software to be compatible with all of these programs, plus the technology behind our own software was from the late 90s and outdated.”

Changes to the new versions include:

- **Suspense Processing Changes.** All previous suspense that affects the current run's data will be detailed on both check stubs and owner statements, instead of being presented in summarized format as they are currently. It is no longer necessary to re-print past statements to provide the detailed information that makes up a previous suspense balance getting released in the current run.
- The various options screens in the software have been consolidated into a single **Preferences** screen, located under the Edit Menu.
- **Increased security** for changes made manually to history entries. Entries generated by the software cannot be changed and adjustments will need to be made instead. This affects the former well history, owner history and suspense history screens.
- **Friendlier report format screens.** The check formats and other user-modifiable reports are now easier to understand, since the various fields on the screen are now presented with friendlier descriptions instead of confusing internal names. This makes modifying those reports less intimidating and more intuitive.
- **Title and totaling accounts have been removed from the chart of accounts.** In their place, sub-accounts allow you to report on the general ledger with the right amount of detail desired. The old title/totaling formats are automatically switched to the new sub-account format when the date is converted. Up to 5 levels of sub-accounts are available for setup and reporting purposes.
- **Graphing reports** have been added for well production and revenue/expenses. Five different styles of graphs are available.
- **Internal data structures** have been optimized, so revenue run closings and other processing-intensive tasks will take less time.
- Various **new reports and reporting options have been added** throughout the system.
- A new **Advanced Reporting function replaces the Ad-Hoc reports.** Ad-hoc reporting is now an option that will enable you to create your own reports.
- Various **warnings and double-checks have been implemented** throughout the system to try and prevent common mistakes and actions that can lead to problems.
- The **Help File has been completely updated from prior version information**, and provides many additional tips for data-entry, and instructions for a broad range of topics.

- When you try to integrate with a QuickBooks company and QuickBooks is not running, the software will now **start QuickBooks for you** and make it visible instead of starting it "behind the scenes."
- If your QuickBooks company preferences are set to use Account Numbers then the account dropdowns in SherWare will **show the account numbers you've assigned in you QuickBooks chart of accounts.**
- **Better error handling** to recover from errors that occur while posting to QuickBooks.
- **Owners now synchronize with QuickBooks by sort field,** instead of owner name.

These changes have all stemmed from direct requests from clients.

"I would say that most of the new changes we've implemented in these versions have come from the wish list items our clients e-mail to us throughout the year," Sherwood said.

"It's important for our current clients to go ahead and convert to the newest versions of the software," Sherwood said. "At the end of next year, we will no longer support older versions of SherWare software."

The conversion process is fairly simple, he said. After installing the software onto their workstation or server, the software will install to a new location, so the old software isn't overwritten. The software then needs to be opened and a conversion wizard will allow the client to convert existing companies to the new version of the software.

"We have also included a detailed letter with step-by-step instructions for how to complete the conversion process, as well as double check everything with the new version installs that we're sending out to all of our clients current on support," Sherwood said.

The Accounting Manager clients began receiving Version 6 of the software in May 2008. Disbursement and JIB Manager clients began receiving Version 8 of the software in January 2009.

"We typically release major versions like this every couple of years," Sherwood said. "You can expect us to release a new version every year with new features added, and then interim updates throughout the year to correct any problems found."