

NEWS RELEASE

TIMELINE SIGNS PATENT LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LAWSON SOFTWARE

BELLEVUE, WA – December 10, 2001 – Timeline, Inc. (OTC/BB: TMLN) today announced that it has signed a patent license agreement with Lawson Software (Nasdaq: LWSN) to settle Timeline's patent infringement suit filed earlier this year. According to the terms of the agreement, Lawson will receive a release of claims and a license for Timeline's patented data mart technology in exchange for \$450,000 in cash payable in four installments over a nine-month period. Lawson uses data mart technology in its enterprise software solutions.

Timeline's claims against Lawson included allegations related to Lawson's distribution of software integrated with software from Hyperion Solutions (Nasdaq: HYSL). Timeline has independently sued Hyperion for patent infringement. Under the settlement, Lawson and its customers will not be liable for any distribution or use of Lawson software built on Hyperion products, regardless of the outcome of the pending Hyperion litigation. This settlement, however, does not cover Hyperion's liability, if any, for distribution of allegedly infringing products. In its lawsuit against Hyperion, Timeline is seeking both monetary damages and injunctive relief.

About Timeline

Timeline develops, markets and supports proven, Microsoft Windows-based financial management reporting software suitable for complex applications such as those found in medium to large, multinational corporations. Timeline Analyst was developed for Windows, Office and Windows NT and takes full advantage of Microsoft's latest operating systems. Timeline can be reached at 800-342-3365 or on the web at www.timeline.com. WorkWise Software, Inc., a subsidiary of Timeline, is the leading provider of event-based notifications, application integration and process automation systems to the mid-market. The WorkWise solutions are exclusively available through authorized OEM and Reseller Business Partners. WorkWise OEM Partners include Sage Software, Best Software, SBT Software, and Semaphore Financial. Reseller Partners include Select Systems, Reseller Resources and MKT Software Designs. For more information on WorkWise Software, Inc., visit its website at www.workwise.com.

About Lawson Software

Lawson Software delivers mission-critical enterprise software solutions that help service organizations in the healthcare, professional services, financial services, retail, public sector and other strategic markets achieve competitive advantage. Lawson's proven Internet solutions drive operational visibility and excellence in the areas of customer relationship management, professional services automation, human resources, financials, procurement, distribution and enterprise performance management. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minn., Lawson has offices or affiliates serving North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. Additional information about Lawson Software is available at www.lawson.com.

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Statements in this news release looking forward in time involve risks and uncertainties, including patent infringement enforcement, the ability of companies to complete installment payments outcome of pending litigation, and other risk factors detailed in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

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