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H&W's SYSB-II software selected by Standard Life to increase access to VSAM data while batch runs

BOISE, Idaho – March 31, 2009 – H&W Computer Systems, Inc. today released a case study highlighting how The Standard Life Assurance Company of Canada, one of the leading companies in the financial services industry in Canada, gave customers increased Web access to their data stored on a mainframe using H&W's SYSB-II software. Standard Life also found that the SYSB-II software provided other benefits, such as the means to recover from abends more quickly.

"Standard Life's primary goal is to stay ahead of the competition by providing customers with Web access to their data around the clock," said Chuck Weir, Vice President and General Manager of H&W. "Standard Life brought in H&W's SYSB-II software to avoid interrupting access to data while the company runs batch updates for deposits, address changes, new contracts, and more. " SYSB-II is mainframe software that allows CICS and batch to have concurrent access to VSAM files, without making application changes.

"I was skeptical at first" said Jane Triandos, a Senior Systems Specialist in Development for Standard Life of Canada. "SYSB-II needed to prove itself in our environment." After carefully evaluating SYSB-II and the company's environment, Standard Life of Canada began using SYSB-II with files that required updates at night, providing customers with continuous, around-the-clock availability to their data. "Jane is now one of SYSB-II's biggest champions," said Guy Rémillard, Manager of Systems Development for Systems Information Technology for Standard Life of Canada.

Standard Life of Canada went on to discover that the SYSB-II software could significantly reduce the time and trouble associated with manually recovering from abends by automating the process. Using the SYSB-II software, Standard Life of Canada also improved customer service by running some batch jobs during the day and increased efficiency by streamlining batch programming processes.

To see how Standard Life of Canada realized all of these benefits, read the full case study at http://www.hwcs.com/software/sysb-ii/case_studies/standard_life.pdf.

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