Change Proposal - F40/01

CP: 1059

Version No: 1.0

Title: Upgrade of the NHHDA and EAC/AA Software Applications to Operate under Oracle Forms 9i

Description of Problem/Issue (mandatory by originator)

The current versions of NHHDA and EAC/AA operate under Oracle 9i for the server application and Oracle Forms 6i for the client.

Oracle Corporation has announced the end of Error Correction Support (ECS) for Oracle Forms 6i for all platforms as of 31 December 2004. Extended Support (ES) will be provided to all customers until 31 December 2007 if the customer has a current support contract although this will incur an additional cost. A migration path has been announced which requires the upgrade from Forms 6i to Forms 9i where Forms 9i is fully supported under ECS.

Proposed Solution(s)

Upgrade the NHHDA and EAC/AA software applications to operate using Oracle Forms 9i.

Justification for Change

Upgrading the NHHDA and EAC/AA software applications to operate under Oracle 9i Forms would (1) maintain compatibility with the latest fully supported Oracle Forms release (i.e. 9i) and (2) bring the operating platform for these applications in line with that of the server application (i.e. 9i). As a consequence, the upgrade would have material benefits for both the developer and users of this software:

- (1) Maintain availability of full vendor support service (i.e. including ECS) for both developer and users of the NHHDA and EAC/AA applications;
- (2) Minimise risk of being unable to take advantage of any defect fixes and other enhancements made available by the vendor;
- (3) Minimise reliance on reduced vendor support service for both developer and users
- (4) Minimise cost of vendor support for both developer and users; and
- (5) Reduce cost and complexity of future developments of NHHDA and EAC/AA applications (i.e. because server and client would be running on the same platform).

Configurable Items Potentially Affected by Proposed Solution(s)

NHHDA Software Application Documentation

EAC/AA Software Application
EAC/AA Software Application Documentation

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None identified

Related Changes and/or Projects (mandatory by BSSCo)

CP 1052 " Upgrade of the SVAA Software Application to operate under Oracle Forms 9i"

Requested Implementation Date (mandatory by originator)

February 2005 SVA Release.

Reason:

ECS for Oracle Forms 6i expires as of 31 December 2004 and the proposed Implementation Date for CP1053 is the February 2005 SVA Release.

Agreed Release/Implementation Date (mandatory by BSCCo)

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