Soleus tapped for "next-generation" PND

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Intrinsyc Software has announced a design win for its Windows CE-based application software stack. A "leading global handset producer" will adopt the Soleus platform for a next-generation PND (personal navigation device) with "real-time search capabilities," Intrinsyc says.

Few details are available about the device, other than that it reportedly leverages Qualcomm's gpsOne technology.

Coincidentally, Intrinsyc last year <u>appointed</u> a seven-year Qualcomm veteran, Souheil Gallouzi, to lead its Soleus development efforts.

Additionally, Intrinsyc says the unidentified OEM previously used its stack in a GPS-enabled handset and in an earlier PND.

Like Windows Mobile, <u>Soleus</u> runs on top of Windows CE. It is available for both 5.0 and 6.0 CE versions, and is claimed to be "pre-certified" on specific hardware. It comprises an application stack and user interface, along with a suite of development tools, and has been touted as a "turnkey" development platform.



Soleus (Click image for further information)

Since Soleus was first announced in 2006, Intrinsync has been able to name a variety of licensees, including <u>Cellon International</u>, <u>Ginwave Technologies</u>, <u>Quanta</u>, and <u>Wistron</u>. Most recently, the company said Soleus would be bundled with a new application processor from <u>Samsung</u>.

In addition, Micro-Star International has announced the Soleus-based MSI 5608 smartphone. This device offers EDGE/HSDPA WAN capabilities as well as WiFi WLAN functionality, and is scheduled for shipment in the second quarter.