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BDS Automates Railcar Repair Estimate and Invoice Process Through Data Exchange With Shops

The Woodlands, Texas - June 15, 2004 – Bourque Data Systems, Inc. (BDS) today announced that it had finally completed the first phase of an important project that enables clients to streamline the process of receipt and approval of railcar repair estimates and invoices.

“By significantly enhancing these functions in our RAILAcct® Accounting and Car Repair software, our clients will be able to quickly and more effectively review repair estimates, then benefit from storage of a permanent record of the repair invoice for railcar maintenance analysis,” said Steve Bourque, president of Bourque Data Systems, Inc. “By automating the capture of this data, we enable our software systems to provide an effective tool for the management of railcar maintenance.”

Over the past year, BDS has worked with a select group of its clients to set up a network for the delivery of BRC (billing repair card) estimates and invoices from over a dozen private railcar repair shops such as GE, ACF, GATX, Trinity, Bayou Railcar and others. Through the network, BRC data flows into RAILAcct® where it is validated and displayed with other important railcar information, providing the analyst decision support for the repair work to be performed. The invoice that follows the shop repair is then validated against what the analyst approved and provides the record for payment.

About Bourque Data Systems, Inc.

Headquartered in the Houston suburb of The Woodlands, BDS is a software and logistics provider offering comprehensive solutions to shippers' transportation needs since 1989. We serve industrial shippers in the refining, chemical, mineral and agricultural industries. With over 120,000 railcars managed by RAILTRAC®, BDS provides strategic rail fleet management tools for leading industrial shippers. Its offerings are:

Software Systems

Our software is affordable, innovative and continually tailored to meet our customers' transportation needs. Our modules, hosted on redundant data networks, provide integrated functions for loading/shipping, shipment tracking, freight payment, fleet accounting and supply chain management.

EDI and Data Services

Our data services streamline transaction processing and interfaces with our customer's ERP systems. Data sets include CLMs, BOLs, carrier instructions, equipment repair and lease invoices, freight bills, and load tender transactions. Our systems integrate with industry standard systems such as SAP, JDE or other custom in-house order processing and accounting systems.

Logistics Services

Our logistics services offer critical support in the areas of shipment monitoring, fleet management and freight payment. Our experienced staff can provide support for the nitty-gritty shipment execution tasks and carrier coordination while you concentrate on your transportation strategy.

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