

**General**

**Q. Ref: PUB-102 NP. Describe what software applications will no longer operate on the quantity of thirty-one 500 MHz Dell laptops slated for retirement.**

A. Currently, all the Company's software applications will operate on the 500 MHz Dell laptops. However, the more processor intensive applications operate at noticeably slower performance level. An example is AutoCad Lite, which is used by engineering and technical staff for daily operations. Twenty-seven of the thirty-one laptops being replaced are assigned to staff in the engineering and technical areas.

These laptops were purchased in the spring of 2000 and will be into their fifth year of service before being replaced.