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### DEC DIBOL AND PICK OPERATING SYSTEMS NOW PORT TO ALTOS

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Nov. 30 -- Users of Digital Equipment Corporation DIBOL<sup>TM</sup>-11 applications can now move software over to all Altos microcomputers, it was announced by Altos Computer Systems. New DIBOL compilers available from the company are expected to provide substantial cost savings for DEC systems integrators.

"The cost-benefits for the hundreds of DEC OEMs is dramatic," said Ron Conway, vice president of marketing. "We've cut the cost for single user systems by up to 40 percent, and the savings on multi-user systems is even greater. For example, you can get an Altos eight-user system for a third of the cost of a six-user DEC PDP-11/44 computer."

The new software portability will place Altos systems in direct competition with several DEC computers, including DECMate, PDP-8, PDP-11/23, PDP-11/24, and PDP-11/44.

Altos has also announced that applications running under the PICK operating system can now run on all the company's 8086-based 16-bit microcomputers, allowing OEMs of such systems as PRIME<sup>TM</sup>, ADDS Mentor, Microdata Reality<sup>R</sup>, and Honeywell Level 6 to move over to a more cost-effective machine.

Altos microcomputers also operate with several other popular 8- and 16-bit operating systems, including CP/M<sup>R</sup>, MP/M<sup>TM</sup>, OASIS, MS-<sup>TM</sup>DOS, and XENIX/UNIX<sup>TM</sup>. The company manufactures a wide range of multi-user microcomputer systems ranging from the Z80 based Series 5 three-user family to the 16-user Altos 68000. In addition, it offers ABS-86, a complete package of business software that includes accounting, word processing, financial planning, and Altos Business BASIC III.

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