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SunDunk Division of SunStruck,  
Sun Microsystems, Inc.  
Wayne "SCUBA" Rosing (415) GOT-ME!!

**SUN ADDS DEPTH TO DESKTOP FAMILY WITH ENTIRELY  
NEW WORKGROUP ENVIRONMENT**

Include: Saline-Powered 3-D Graphics Models,  
High-Delivery SCUBA Devices, Chum

SAN FRANCISCO. CA, Steinhart Aquarium - April 1, 1991 - The SunDunk division of SunStruck, a recently-spun-off new wholly-owned subsidiary of Sun Microsystems, Inc. today unveiled the world's first fully-underwater desktop environment based on the radically new SHARK desktop computers: the SHARKstation™1 family. At 257,456,569 FLIPmarks (1), this heavyweight new series of systems allows users to plunge to depths never before reachable using any other desktop system available today. The new system even outpaces Sun's own UWC (UnderWater Computer) ~ the SHARKstation 1 is able to be used at depths of up to 8' - over an infinite number of times deeper than previous, air-breathing models.

Introduced today in 8' of seawater in the fish "roundabout" at the California Academy of Sciences' Steinhart Aquarium, the SHARKstation 1 was put through its paces by the head of Sun's SunLabs research and development center, Wayne "SCUBA" Rosing. Caught totally by surprise at the announcement himself, Mr. Rosing remarked, "Had I known that my instigation of these efforts over the past years were to someday result in something as awesome as this, I'd never have let them do it the first time," referring to his long-standing involvement with the introduction of similar, past products by the SunKit Racing Team and the SunStruck group.

"This is a whole new ballgame now, with the advent of technology as innovative as the SHARKstation 1's HI-RISK processor."

Tightly packaged in a "bait box," the CPU (Chum Processing Unit) can consume more input than any other underwater desktop system. (2) Unlike any other underwater system, this sleek, high-performance unit has built-in input-seeking firmware and auto-aggressive responses to help it attack any problem that faces it.

The SHARKstation 1 really tears up the competition in its field," said Jacques Costeau, head of the development team. "I've seen some demonstrations that would rip your arm right out of its

socket! It's truly amazing what those engineering types can do these days." When asked why they did it, Jacques replied, "Because we can!"

Razor sharp teeth aren't an expensive add-on with the SHARKstation 1 - every unit comes fully-equipped with a complete, self-replacing set. The system also offers 16 megabites of power and accelerated "km" capability as standard features, making it a high-powered, affordable solution for the most demanding applications.

The \$4,995 (fin-ful entry price) SHARKstation 1 is aimed at power users in Sun's traditional scientific/technical/fishing markets as well as commercial users who need a significant level of application killing power.

The system makes up the apex of the best-selling SPARCstation desktop line. It joins the low-end SPARCstation family comprising an affordable, full-function family of desktop (high-)RISK workstations.

In addition, Sun unveiled a high-performance breathing system based on the now established industry-standard SCUBA technology that significantly increases ease of use for the SHARKstation 1 systems. These SCUBA systems showcase the innovative, highly integrated, low-cost approach to staying alive in the hostile underwater workstation marketplace.

"Sun's really hooked themselves a winner in the SHARKstation 1," remarked Lyodd Bridges, a local area fisherman and industry analyst for "Bob's Bait and Tackle." "The SHARKstation 1 is destined to be a real killer."

### **Pricing, Availability**

Following is a list of the suggested U.S. retail prices and availability information for Sun's new workstation and server products in their base configurations:

System	Price (U.S. List)	Availability (Configuration)
SHARKstation 1	\$4,995	Now (16 Mbite, 4' grey, 1 dorsal fin)
SPARCstation2	\$14,995	Now (16 MB. 19" monochrome, 207 MB disk)

Field upgrades to the new SHARKstation 1 systems are available for SPARCstation and SPARCserver 1, 1+, and 2 users. Upgrades will be available as soon as the California drought situation is declared over.

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distributed computing systems, including professional workstations, big fish, servers and UNIX operating system and productivity software.

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- (1) The FLIPmark figure represents the Fourier regression of the geometric mean of one solar year of system performance benchmark tests. The test suite FLIPPER, endorsed by most major computer manufacturers, represents a more standard metric of performance testing than "SPECmarks," "MIPS" or "MFLOPS." One FLIPmark will propel one system unit forward one arbitrary unit of water measure.
- (2) Figures do not include comparisons versus WHALES (Wide, Heterogeneous, Amphibious, Large Electronics Systems).

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