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**TO: All registered live users of the PSPUTIL ISeries utility software.**

You are reading this probably because your company is a licensed user of PSPUTIL utility software. Locate the PSPUTIL library on your ISeries to confirm.

PSPUTIL is/was marketed on the Web site <http://www.prosperosoftware.co.uk>. Prospero Software was always just a brand name for the company Prospero Associates Limited (PAL).

The PSPUTIL software was my personal creation and I am currently the only person supporting it in any way. I am now 57 years old and heading towards retirement. As part of that I am going to voluntarily wind up my company PAL. I have to make plans for PSPUTIL so that current live users do not feel let down if both my company PAL and I are no longer around to support PSPUTIL.

I could consider selling PSPUTIL to a software house, but I expect they would immediately start billing you large 'annual maintenance fees'. I think that unfair as you originally bought PSPUTIL for around US\$700 per CPU with no annual maintenance charge.

So I have decided to make PSPUTIL source code freely available to all current live PSPUTIL users. The software is very stable, so it is fairly unlikely you will need to edit and recompile the source code. But at least if you have the source code, patching it is an option available to you.

In December 2005, PSPUTIL introduced per-CPU licensing. You probably recall emails regarding license codes entered into the PSPLICKEY data area. If you have the source code, you can disable this licensing. In a readme file in the source code library I will even show you how to do that.

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This means that you can run PSPUTIL on any ISeries you own. I have no problem with that. It also means that you could sell/give the PSPUTIL source code and/or object library to another company/organisation. Now I **do** have a real problem with that. PSPUTIL is not 'freeware'. I am not making the software open source. I am simply giving you the source code so you can support yourselves.

So as part of giving you the source code I will need a prior statement back from you – in email is OK – that you will use the source code only to support your own use of PSPUTIL, and that you will not make the source code available to anyone outside your organisation.

Note that the Prospero Software Web site will continue to exist, but will reference a new company Pitdale Limited. Over time, the email address [help@prosperoassociates.com](mailto:help@prosperoassociates.com) will be replaced by the email address [help@pitdale.com](mailto:help@pitdale.com). PSPUTIL will still have a presence on the Web for potential new users. They will receive the source code in future in the same way you do.

The source code needs a little bit of extra in-code documentation (mostly a new readme file) before it is made available to you. I hope to do that in the next few months. The source code will then be sent to you as an email-attached SAVF within a ZIP file. The SAVF will contain one library PSPUSRC. None of these items are large in size – a few Mb at most.

Sincerely



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