

The software is one of the first on the market enabling microcomputers to access videotex and Telidon services. The software, Microstar's Videotex Interpreter, allows videotex text and graphics to be captured through hard-copy output. Peter Jordan, Microstar's president, says a software approach to decoding was taken "to protect against obsolescence and provide the best opportunity to integrate videotex into existing information systems."

Available in Canada and the United States, the software currently runs on the IBM PC, Hyperion, Columbia and Compaq microcomputers.

Jordan says he expects to face strong demand for the product. "There are more than 500,000 IBM PC or compatible microcomputers out there and we're providing the software that will allow them to access Telidon or other videotex services. We're sure to capture a substantial part of that market."

For further information, contact: Microstar Software Ltd., 687 Mansfield Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K2A 2T5. Telephone (613) 722-7426.

Other Canadian firms active in the NAPLPS personal computer field include Avcor, Network Videotex Systems, Inc., Microtaure, Limicon, Inc., Fulcrum Technologies and Formic Videotex Systems.