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## New ICL developments reduce costs for computer users

A new computer in the ICL range will substantially lower the investment necessary for businesses who require more computer capacity, according to Alan Rosling of International Computers, Limited, in Christchurch on June 11.

Mr Alan Rosling of ICL was speaking at a function to launch the new ICL 2904 a computer which has greatly increased capacity and speed of instruction giving faster computing at lower costs.

"The challenge of the computer industry was to produce a range of models that could grow with the needs of the businesses they serviced without a sometimes crippling outlay for reprogramming when a larger computer capacity was required," said Mr Rosling.

"The new 2904 computer programming is compatible with the many smaller capacity 2903 models currently in New Zealand and this protects the users original investment should they eventually need more capacity," he said.

Mr Rosling said some of the factors which contributed to the outstanding success of the 2903 models in New Zealand and throughout the world was their compactness, ease of operation, a way of expressing information in a form that laymen could understand and

superior design which made

special air-conditioning unnecessary.

"The new 2904 model has similar features and we are confident it will enjoy similar success to the 2903 in New Zealand," said Mr Rosling.

Executives attending the ICL presentation were also introduced to a new piece of communications equipment. The Modular Terminal System can be connected to any ICL computer and used as a remote processor and process a limited amount of data on its own. The capability to be added to this system comprises a "fail-safe" mechanism for on-line operations, savings in land-line charge and other economies.

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