

AutoCAD 2005 Users Increase Their Efficiency With Software Partner Innovation

April 6, 2004

Members of the Autodesk Developer Network Deliver Nearly 300 Specialized Applications

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., April 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK), the world's leading design software and digital content company, today announced that more than 50 members of its Autodesk Developer Network (ADN) are now shipping products or add-on applications compatible with AutoCAD(R) 2005 software. Nearly 300 specialized products are currently available through members of ADN including those from industry leading software companies such as COADE, Inc., ARCHIBUS, Inc., CYCO Software, SOFiSTiK AG, GEOMAP, and C-Plan AG.

The Autodesk Developer Network was created by Autodesk to supply commercial and individual software developers with the resources needed to build specialized software applications that meet the needs of a wide variety of customers, in a broad range of industries. With AutoCAD 2005, ADN members have access to leading-edge technologies like Microsoft's .NET Framework and the world's foremost 2D/3D design tools from Autodesk. The managed .NET API introduced into AutoCAD 2005 and AutoCAD 2005-based products gives programmers access to the ease of VisualStudio with the power of C++. Using these tools, members of the Autodesk Developer Network are able to deliver next-generation, industry-specific applications to the worldwide design consumers. Autodesk customers will find that the new tools will allow them to better integrate their design information into the full lifecycle of product development and management -- maximizing their competitive advantage.

"Our joint relationship with Autodesk and the ADN goes back almost two decades. As a result, we share customers of large corporations that need the right solutions for managing their complex workstations and critical business assets," said Steve Segarra, Chief Technology Officer of ARCHIBUS, Inc. "The investment that Autodesk has made in this latest release is very exciting. New features that help create and organize information through tables and fields and the ability to share that information through the new Sheet Set Manager have, in turn, helped us to provide a better and faster product for our customers who manage critical business assets across multiple worksites."

Industry leading ADN developers are releasing the following products, all based on the AutoCAD 2005 platform software.

ADN Partner Headquarters Flagship Product

Albacore Research Canada ShipConstructor for ship design Ltd.

ALFATEC Japan ACAD-DENKI/ACAD-EL for electrical/electronic design

ARCHIBUS, Inc. USA ARCHIBUS/FM for facilities management

C.A.D. Co. Japan SEQUENCECAD for electrical design

C-Plan AG Switzerland TOPOBASE for utilities management (works with Autodesk Map(TM) 3D 2005)

Chuden CTI Japan INAZUMA Series for electric equipment

COADE, Inc. USA CADWorx for process plant design

CYCO Software Netherlands AutoManager Meridian and AutoManager TeamWork for document management

Geomap Systems France GEOMAP GIS for mapping and infrastructure management (works with Autodesk Map(TM) 3D 2005)

Imao Corporation Japan IM-Tool/AC for designing mechanical parts

IT Frontier Japan Brain Gear for electrical Corporation equipment design

KOZO KEIKAKU Japan adpack-PRO for architectural ENGINEERING design

KUBOTA Japan K-CAD PEDRAS AC for mechanical design

Mighty Net Japan EQ-II for electric equipment design

SOFiSTiK AG Germany SOFiCAD for structural design and analysis

Systems Research Japan AutoMech2005 for mechanical and & Development (SRD) electronics design

Toyobo Engineering Japan CATV Designer Pro for cable TV equipment design

Universal Marine Japan Easy CAD for tooling design Systems Corporation

WACOM Japan ProDENKI for electrical design

"By creating innovative, industry-tailored applications, based on AutoCAD 2005, our development partners make it possible for design customers worldwide to maximize their productivity," said John Sanders, vice president, Autodesk Platform Technology Division. "We applied our ADN partners for the commitment and contributions they are delivering to our joint customers."

In addition to the industry-leading Autodesk(R) software partners mentioned above, hundreds of other software companies are developing and releasing products that are compatible with and take advantage of the new enhancements to manage, create, and share drawing sets in AutoCAD 2005 software. To view the continually growing list of AutoCAD 2005-compatible applications, visit www.autodesk.com/partnerproducts.

About Autodesk

Autodesk is the world's leading design software and digital content company, offering customers progressive business solutions through powerful technology products and services. Autodesk helps customers in the building, manufacturing, infrastructure, digital media, and wireless data services fields increase the value of their digital design data and improve efficiencies across their entire project lifecycle management processes. For more information about the company, see www.autodesk.com.

NOTE: Autodesk, AutoCAD, and Autodesk Map are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Autodesk, Inc., in the United States and/or other countries. All other brand names, product names, or trademarks belong to their respective holders.

Contact: Nicole Pack, 415-507-6282 Email: nicole.pack@autodesk.com SOURCE Autodesk, Inc. 04/06/2004 -0-/CONTACT: Nicole Pack of Autodesk, +1-415-507-6282, or nicole.pack@autodesk.com/ /Web site: http://www.autodesk.com / (ADSK) CO: Autodesk, Inc. ST: California CPR STW MLM CST SU: MP-RN -- SFTU070 --3694 04/06/2004 08:30 EDT http://www.prnewswire.com