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ProSteel 3D V17 Provides a New User Interface Which Reduces the Training Period and Allows Faster 3D Design

KREUZTAL, Germany, March 15, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- KIWI Software GmbH, today announced support for AutoCAD(R) 2006 next generation design software from Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK), the world's leading software and services company for the building, manufacturing, infrastructure, digital media and wireless data services fields. AutoCAD 2006 software allows users to create, manage and share design information faster, to compete and win.

With ProSteel 3D and AutoCAD 2006, customers can get the most out of their data and realize their design ideas faster. ProSteel 3D's focus on the 3D design and having the best tools available in 3D are the keys for success.

All dialogue boxes in ProSteel 3D have a consistent design and behaviour. Commonly used commands are found in the same location. With the implementation of Tool Tips and intelligent dialogue graphics, which adapt to user input, it is now almost unnecessary to look at the help files or user manuals. An on demand, integrated calculator now allows calculations during data input. ProSteel 3D Templates can be preferentially sorted and recurring entries can be generated with a single press of a button. The new Heads-Up design interface of Autodesk completes the easy to use features. Input is directly at the cursor and so focus always stays on the design! Our DetailCenter uses the new drafting and annotations tools which enable better, easier and faster dimensioning.

"By integrating with the latest features in AutoCAD 2006, KIWI Software enables our joint structural steel design customers to realize big productivity gains," said John Sanders, vice president of Autodesk's Platform Technology Division. "We are enthusiastic about the quick and strong support of KIWI Software GmbH for AutoCAD 2006."

"The long term relationship with Autodesk gives us the opportunity to concentrate on the needs of the Steel Construction and Design market. The combined ProSteel3D/AutoCAD package is the key for the success of the thousands of clients we share in the building industry, because it is necessary to see the building as one whole project, especially in big projects," said Joachim Friedrich, CEO and CTO of KIWI Software.

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is wholly focused on ensuring that great ideas are turned into reality. With six million users, Autodesk is the world's leading software and services company for the building, manufacturing, infrastructure, digital media and wireless data services fields. Autodesk's solutions help customers create, manage and share their digital assets more effectively. As a result, customers turn ideas into competitive advantage by becoming more productive, streamlining project efficiency, and maximizing profits.

Founded in 1982, Autodesk is headquartered in San Rafael, California. For additional information about Autodesk, please visit www.autodesk.com.

The Autodesk Developer Network (ADN) is comprised of more than 2500 technology partners around the world, that extend Autodesk solutions to meet the industry-specific needs of customers. New 2006-compatible applications from ADN partners are launched every day at: www.autodesk.com/partnerproducts.

About KIWI Software

Kiwi Software is a leading developer of 3D steel construction and structural engineering software and software for concrete design. ProSteel 3D was one of the first Object ARX Application and we continue to lead by including new platforms and technology. The company has a global customer base that encompasses North America, Europe and Asia/Pacific. KIWI Software's corporate headquarters are located in Germany and a subsidiary in Auckland New Zealand which takes care of the Asian market and the new ProConcrete 3D application. For more information, visit KIWI SoftwareÂ´s web site at www.kiwisoft.de.

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