

## MiTek Industries Europe Announces Support for Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006

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DUDLEY, WEST MIDLANDS, England, March 15, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- MiTek Industries Europe today announced support for Autodesk(R) Architectural Desktop 2006, next generation AutoCAD(R)-based building design and documentation 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. Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006 helps architects realize their ideas by delivering flexibility in both implementation and use, the efficiency of real-world building objects, and the very best AutoCAD-based design and documentation productivity.

MiTek(R) WoodEngine(TM) built on Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006 provides the Timber Frame, Carpentry and Log Home manufacturer with a fast method to build a full 3D model of timber structures, from foundations and sole plate right up to the fully engineered roof trusses designed by MiTek 20/20 software. This powerful combination enables design ideas to be realized faster and more cost effectively than ever.

The WoodEngine modules, including Timber Frame, Floor, Carpentry and Log Home, work in combination with Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006 to reduce the turnaround time of timber structures from order to manufacture, enable timber framing of an entire building with one-click and allow the user to quickly design complex timber structures. MiTek is confident the combination of WoodEngine and Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006 is the most efficient software package available today for the detailing and factory production of timber structures.

"By integrating with the latest features in Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006 MiTek enables our joint building design customers to realize high productivity gains," said Phil Bernstein, vice president of Autodesk's Building Solutions Division. "We are enthusiastic about the strong rapid support of MiTek for Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006."

Lew Wasserstein, technical director for MiTek's Europe & Africa operations notes, "MiTek views our WoodEngine product as a long term strategic partnership with Autodesk which will provide our customers with a single solution for all the structural timber components they manufacture. Autodesk Architectural Desktop 2006 and WoodEngine integrate the professional disciplines of architecture, structural engineering, estimating and manufacture through a single building model."

## 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 MiTek

MiTek is the world's leading supplier of state-of-the-art, timber design and manufacturing software, engineered connector products, engineering services, and computer-driven machinery for the building component industry. Software development is the real key to MiTek's success and the success of customers who use it. MiTek provides the industry's most advanced, most comprehensive, and most innovative software for design and manufacturing. For more information about MiTek please visit www.mii.com and for details of the WoodEngine software offering visit http://www.cadengine.net the site is available in French and English.

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