



Autodesk Announces Famed as Inventor of the Month for April 2007

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Digital Prototyping Helps Polish Company Produce Medical Equipment More Effectively, With Less Environmental Waste

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., April 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that Famed Zywiec, the largest producer of medical equipment in Poland, has been named as the Autodesk Inventor of the Month for April 2007. The Inventor of the Month program recognizes the most innovative design and engineering advancements made by the extensive community of customers using Autodesk Inventor software, which provides manufacturing companies with the power of 3D design without compromising investments in 2D processes.

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Located in Poland's beautiful Zywiec Valley, Famed Zywiec manufactures hundreds of diverse products and specialized furniture for hospitals and doctor's offices. These products range from operating tables and lights, to hospital and rehabilitation beds, dental chairs and incubators.

In producing this medical equipment, Famed Zywiec combines more than 80 years of market experience with the most modern technology and research and development efforts. This allows the company to manufacture and offer products of the highest quality that fulfill even the most stringent safety requirements. For its efforts, the company has received several quality certificates, including ISO 9001, ISO 13485 and ISO 14001 -- an environmental management standard recognizing organizations that minimize the impact of their operations on the environment.

Inventor plays a key role in helping Famed Zywiec design and manufacture their products with a minimum of waste by providing 3D tools that allow them to visualize the impact of their ideas early in the design process, before anything is actually built. Working with local Autodesk reseller and training provider Evatronix S.A. allowed Famed Zywiec to immediately start benefiting from Inventor digital prototyping capabilities.

"Modeling a product in Inventor translates to incredible savings, especially at the prototyping and manufacturing stages," said Piotr Kozbial, R&D Director at Famed Zywiec. "Before Inventor, we used to produce four or five physical prototypes. With Inventor, the design that we create is the prototype, and we can easily incorporate feedback and optimize the design before we manufacture anything. That translates into less waste -- for us, and for the environment."

"Manufacturing companies across the globe are realizing that what's good for the environment can be good for business as well," said Robert "Buzz" Kross, vice president of Autodesk Manufacturing Solutions. "Famed Zywiec is taking a leadership role in the European community with its environmentally friendly manufacturing operations, and we are pleased to name them as our Inventor of the Month for April."

Each month, Autodesk selects an Inventor of the Month from the more than 600,000 users of Autodesk Inventor software, its best-selling 3D mechanical design software. Winners are chosen for engineering excellence and groundbreaking innovation. For more information on Autodesk Inventor of the Month, contact us at IOM@autodesk.com.

About Famed Zywiec

Famed Zywiec is the largest Polish manufacturer of medical equipment. It employs over 1,100 staff and offers hundreds of products as diverse as operating tables, operating lights, ceiling pendants, hospital and rehabilitation beds, dental chairs and units, gynecological chairs, incubators, anesthesiological units, cots for patient transport and special operating room equipment, as well as furniture for hospitals and doctor's offices. With an emphasis on product quality, Famed Zywiec has obtained several quality certificates, including ISO 9001, ISO 13485 ISO 14001, and invests in environment protection programs. For more information, please visit <http://www.famed-zywiec.com>.

About Evatronix S.A.

Evatronix S.A. was founded in 1991, and serves the Polish market as a value added reseller of CAD and EDA solutions, as well as being an Autodesk Authorized Training Centre. For more information, please visit: <http://www.evatronix.pl/>.

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is the world leader in 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk has developed the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art digital prototyping solutions to help customers experience their ideas before they are real. Fortune 1000 companies rely on Autodesk for the tools to visualize, simulate and analyze real-world performance early in the design process to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation. For additional information about Autodesk, visit <http://www.autodesk.com/>.

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