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CIMdata News

CIMdata to Host Free Webinar on Generative Design: The Changing Nature of Product Development

1 August 2017

CIMdata, Inc., the leading global PLM strategic management consulting and research firm, announces an upcoming free educational webinar, “Generative Design: The Changing Nature of Product Development.” The webinar will take place on September 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. (EDT).

Generative Design (GD) is a term for a class of tools that create or modify design geometry based on non-geometric requirements or constraints on product performance. GD includes not only Topology Optimization (TopOpt), but also rules-driven parametric CAD and a host of other tools for optimizing cost, weight, stiffness, strength, natural frequency, and other performance criteria. This way to generate geometry (and other design attributes) is extremely important, as it takes us out of the current paradigm of creating, and then evaluating, CAD. Rather than, “Does this shape meet the requirements?” we are asking, “Which shape best meets the requirements?”

According to the webinar host, CIMdata’s Executive Consultant for Simulation, Dr. Keith Meintjes, “Some, like me, believe that this move to Generative Design will revolutionize product design and development. In a relative sense, computing has become infinitely fast and vanishingly cheap, so we can now easily use heuristic brute-force methods to search for optimums. Also, Additive Manufacturing (3D Printing) promises the capability to make parts that were previously not feasible to produce.”

Dr. Meintjes has over 35 years of experience in the development and application of simulation tools to transform product development. His achievements include novel methods for combustion simulation, patents for engine design, and strategic planning for the world’s largest commercial HPC facility. Prior to joining CIMdata, he spent nearly 30 years at General Motors where he was responsible for the engineering requirements for GM’s Global CAE IT infrastructure and was named Senior Technical Fellow. At GM Powertrain he held strategic, planning, and management positions, to embed simulation tools in the powertrain product development process. Earlier, at the GM Research Laboratories, he developed thermodynamic and CFD simulation models for engine performance and combustion, and was instrumental in GM’s acquisition of a Cray supercomputer.

For this webinar, Dr. Meintjes will be joined by CIMdata’s executive consultant and practice manager for the Design Creation & Collaboration Knowledge Council, Dr. Ken Versprille. Dr. Versprille has over 35 years of experience in the application of computer-based solutions for engineering and manufacturing. He also spent 15 years at Computervision, where he had responsibility for the initial design of Computervision’s 3D graphics system. Dr. Versprille is recognized for publishing the first description of NURBS, the mathematical curve-and-surface formulation, now an international standard in CAD and Computer Graphics. In 2005, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The CAD Society.

The webinar will be an hour long and will summarize the state of the art for GD tools and the processes

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they enable. There is now great interest in this topic from researchers, academics, and software providers. What is the thrust of the new developments? Case studies will be shared that represent a wide range of applications in different fields like architecture, civil engineering, and mechanical design.

The webinar will be useful to engineering executives and managers, product development planners and product line managers, team leaders and users of modeling and simulation technologies, manufacturing engineers, solution providers, and anyone who wants to learn more about this technology.

During the webinar attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the topics discussed. To find out more, visit: <http://www.cimdata.com/en/education/educational-webinars/generative-design-the-changing-nature-of-product-development>. To register for this webinar please visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7745066942386482435>

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CIMdata works with both industrial organizations and providers of technologies and services seeking competitive advantage in the global economy. In addition to consulting, CIMdata conducts research, provides PLM-focused subscription services, and produces several commercial publications. The company also provides industry education through PLM certificate programs, seminars, and conferences worldwide. CIMdata serves clients around the world from offices in North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific. To learn more about CIMdata's services, visit our website at www.CIMdata.com, follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/CIMdataPLMNews>, or contact CIMdata at: 3909 Research Park Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, USA, Tel: +1 734.668.9922. Fax: +1 734.668.1957; or at Oogststraat 20, 6004 CV Weert, The Netherlands, Tel: +31 (0) 495.533.666.

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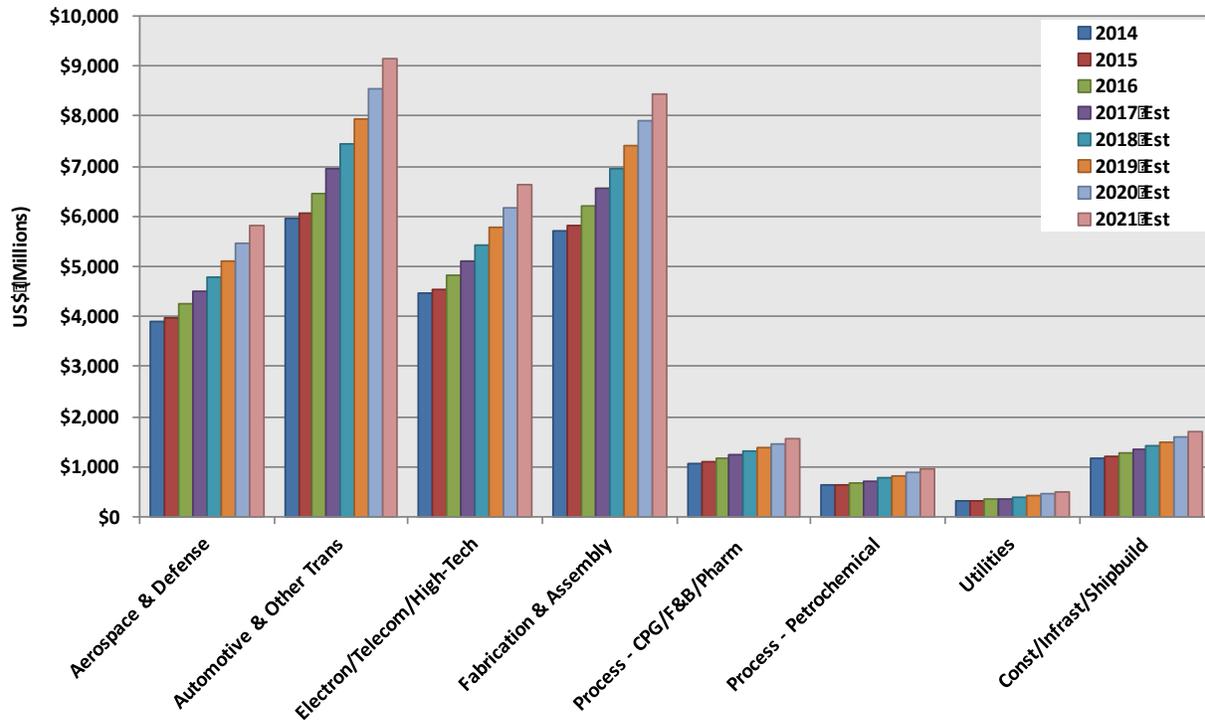
CIMdata Publishes PLM Industry Analysis Report

1 August 2017

CIMdata, Inc., the leading global PLM strategic management consulting and research firm announces the release of the CIMdata PLM Industry Analysis Report, the fourth of five modules of the CIMdata 2017 PLM Market Analysis Report Series. The MAR Series provides detailed information and in-depth analysis on the worldwide PLM market during 2016. It contains analyses of major trends and issues; revenues of leading PLM providers; and revenue analyses for geographical regions, industry sectors, and historical and projected data on market growth.

All industries saw growth in PLM spending in 2016 as shown in the figure below. CIMdata forecasts continued growth in all industries during the five-year forecast period.

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PLM spending is greatest in automotive & other transportation, fabrication & assembly, electronics & telecommunications, and aerospace & defense. It is lower in the process industries and utilities. There are some good process PLM solutions available, and they are becoming more important with concerns about food safety, particularly in emerging economies. Growth in PLM for medical devices, part of the high-tech sector, is driven by stringent compliance requirements that can vary by country, something that PLM strategies and enabling solutions can address. All industries are being affected by the trend toward smart, connected products, either directly or because of the effects of the Internet of Things (IoT). CIMdata believes there are good opportunities in all segments as corporate management continues to become more cognizant of the value of PLM and its positive impact on both the top and bottom lines of a business. During 2016, comprehensive providers continued to expand their efforts to deliver more industry-focused and functionally-packaged solutions that are easier and less expensive to acquire and deploy.

“The global PLM market grew strongly in 2016,” states Stan Przybylinski, CIMdata’s Vice President. “The leading PLM solution providers are consolidating their portfolios after years of acquisitions, and increasing revenues in 2016, in part, by expanding their footprint at their existing clients. Industrial companies are using PLM to enable highly collaborative, distributed, flexible design and manufacturing environments to help better manage the entire product or plant lifecycle. This ability is critical to all industries and only becomes more complex as smart, connected products must act as parts of larger systems.”

The CIMdata PLM Market Analysis Report Series is packaged as five modules:

1. The *CIMdata 2017 Executive PLM Market Report* provides an overview of CIMdata’s complete global analysis. It includes key charts on PLM market investment statistics through 2016, forecasts of investments for 2017 through 2021, and a summary of PLM solution providers’ performance in 2016.

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2. The *CIMdata 2017 PLM Industry Review and Trends Report* is mainly qualitative in nature, and focuses on key issues facing the global PLM ecosystem of solution providers and end user organizations. It highlights changes that occurred in 2016, what effects those changes may have in the short and medium term, and what is on the horizon in the years to come.
3. The *CIMdata 2017 PLM Market and Solution Provider Analysis Report* details measures of and forecasts for the overall PLM market and its key segments, including Tools, cPDM, and Digital Manufacturing. The Tools section has additional details on sub-segments, including MCAD, NC, S&A, EDA, and AEC. It also includes CIMdata's estimates of PLM solution provider revenues in these segments and sub-segments for 2017 through 2021.
4. The *CIMdata 2017 PLM Market Geographic Analysis Report* provides an additional view of the 2016 market results, by major geography. CIMdata's 2016 estimates and market forecasts for PLM and the major PLM market segments are provided for the Americas, EMEA, and Asia-Pacific. In addition, the report includes estimates and forecasts for the cPDM segment within specific European and Asia-Pacific countries and regions.
5. The *CIMdata 2017 PLM Market Industry Analysis Report* provides an industry segmentation view of the 2016 market results. CIMdata's 2015 estimates and market forecasts for PLM and cPDM are provided for eight different industry sectors: aerospace and defense; automotive and other transportation; electronics/telecommunications; fabrication and assembly; process-packaged goods; process—petrochemical; utilities; and construction, infrastructure and shipbuilding.

The CIMdata PLM Market Analysis Report Series is available as a five-module set or each module can be purchased separately. It is also available as part of the CIMdata PLM Community Gold Membership. Further details and pricing information about the report and Community Memberships are available at www.cimdata.com.

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Designing Smart Products for the Internet of Things (Highlight)

3 August 2017

Earlier this month, Automation Alley, Michigan's leading nonprofit technology and manufacturing business association, hosted a group of southeast Michigan industry representatives to a "Tech Takeover" focused on "Designing Smart Products for the Internet of Things (IoT)." This event, which was sponsored by Fisher Unitech, set the stage for why and how products need to be designed for the rapidly evolving IoT world, where things are smart and connected. Automation Alley was the perfect setting for the event. Their focused efforts on innovation and technology, entrepreneurship, and talent development, among other things, have been defined to provide actionable intelligence that helps members grow and prosper in the digital age. Those in attendance, including Fisher Unitech, are some of those companies with which Automation Alley is collaborating.

This Tech Takeover, which is one in a series of technology oriented 2-hour events held on a regular basis, was kicked off by Peter Bilello, CIMdata's President. During his presentation, he stressed how digitalization is transforming products from physical goods and tangible services, and in many cases data is becoming the "product." Often, as he stated, the rate at which products and services are being bought and installed for the data they generate or collect is increasing, especially as companies and customers alike, are realizing that smart, connected products can enhance product-related experience in existing markets, and create new opportunities across a wide spectrum of industries. He further explained how manufacturing companies of all shapes and sizes need to be able to design and deliver smart, connected IoT-enabled products to be successful. Finally, he stressed that many product companies need support to navigate the evolving IoT standards landscape and security issues while optimizing their products and value chains to thrive in this new world, and this where companies like Fisher Unitech excel.

The second speaker of the event was David Hofer, a Fisher Unitech Electrical Technical Specialist and Certified Interconnect Designer (CID). Mr. Hofer used the opportunity to introduce the audience to Fisher Unitech—one of the world's largest technology providers of 3D design software tools and 3D printers—and how Fisher Unitech has a long history helping its clients innovate. Mr. Hofer's presentation, entitled: "Designing Smart Products on a Unified Platform," provided the audience with a concrete example of how a unified design platform can enable the multi-disciplinary design required to deliver smart, connected products. His example illustrated the back and forth collaborative effort required among mechanical, electrical, and PCB designers and how a unified platform, such as the SOLIDWORKS design platform that they sell and support from Dassault Systèmes can be used to streamline this interaction. Mr. Hofer clearly illustrated the stark difference between the old disconnected way multiple design disciplines have traditionally tried to work together and the new highly collaborative way they can synchronously work together on a platform like what Fisher Unitech can enable with SOLIDWORKS and the other solutions it provides.

The overall tone of the Tech Takeover was one of opportunity and possibilities. Opportunities associated with the design, manufacturing, delivery, and support of smart, connected IoT-enabled products is substantial and with companies like Fisher Unitech helping, companies can get access to and education on the tools required to be successful.

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Acquisitions

Battery Ventures Makes Majority Investment in Software Firm Newforma

1 August 2017

Battery Ventures announced it has acquired a majority interest in software firm Newforma, which makes project information management software to help companies complete complex architectural, engineering, and construction projects more efficiently and cost-effectively.

Newforma, based in Manchester, New Hampshire, and formed in 2003, makes a suite of software tools to help its customers better organize and manage project communications and documents; improve collaboration among team members working on projects; and archive key documents and other project-related materials for legal, compliance and regulatory reasons. Today, many AECO companies (architecture, engineering, construction, and project owners) are still battling to manage numerous data silos in their businesses, which contribute to project overruns and missed deadlines. By using an integrated software suite like Newforma's, AECO firms can save time, reduce risk, and deliver more successful projects.

Newforma's software is used at 192 of the Engineering News-Record's ENR Top 500 Design Firms, which includes firms like HOK, Perkins+Will, Affiliated Engineers, Thornton Tomasetti, Skender Construction and others. Newforma's software has been used to manage project information and documents for more than 2.5 million projects around the world.

As part of the transaction, Battery General Partner Michael Brown and Battery Vice President Sanjiv Kalevar will join Newforma's board, joining existing board member Rich D'Amore from North Bridge Venture Partners. In addition, longtime business-software executive Brock Philp, who has spent more than 15 years leading a variety of industry-specific software companies including Doc.It, Iron Data/Versa Systems, and Jonas Software – an operating group of publicly-traded Constellation Software (CSU) – has been named chief executive officer of Newforma.

“We are excited to announce our investment in Newforma, which has built an extremely strong business focused on the AECO market, and we believe the business can scale even further in the coming years,” said Battery's Brown. “This is a long-term partnership for Battery, and we believe our new CEO, Brock Philp, has the software industry experience to help deliver and grow the value we provide our customers.”

“Over the last couple years, we realized that Newforma was entering a new phase of growth,” said Rich D'Amore, who has served on the board since 2005. “We also realized that new, experienced leadership, along with new capital partners, would help us scale our people, processes and technology to improve our ability to deliver world-class software and service for our clients. Battery was our partner of choice

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because of the firm's history in B2B software investing, its knowledge of our target markets and the team's skill in accelerating growth and acquisitions. I look forward to working with Battery and our new leadership going forward."

Added new CEO Philp: "I am thrilled to join Newforma and get to work immediately on investments in the product, including new and requested features for current customers, as well as investments in customer care. We are excited about helping the AECO industry move into the cloud, and helping our customers make the most of whichever Newforma products they are already using. The potential here is great and I look forward to talking to more customers directly at our Newforma World conference in September."

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HPE Announces Details for Expected Completion of Spin-Off and Merger of its Software Business

4 August 2017

Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company ("HPE") today announced that its Board of Directors has set the close of business on August 21, 2017 as the record date for the proposed spin-off of Seattle SpinCo, Inc., which will hold HPE's software business ("Seattle").

Subject to the satisfaction of the remaining conditions to the spin-off, on the distribution date for the spin-off, HPE will distribute to HPE stockholders one share of Class A common stock of Seattle (the "Seattle common stock") for each share of HPE common stock held as of the close of business on the record date. As previously announced, immediately following the spin-off, a wholly owned subsidiary of Micro Focus International plc ("Micro Focus") will merge with and into Seattle, and Seattle will continue as the surviving company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Micro Focus.

In the merger, each share of Seattle common stock outstanding immediately prior to the merger will be automatically converted into the right to receive a number of American Depositary Shares of Micro Focus (each representing one ordinary share of Micro Focus) such that immediately following the merger, these newly issued American Depositary Shares will, in the aggregate, represent 50.1% of the Micro Focus ordinary shares on a fully diluted basis. The balance of the then-outstanding Micro Focus ordinary shares will be held by pre-merger shareholders of Micro Focus.

The spin-off and the merger are currently expected to occur on September 1, 2017.

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Infosys to acquire London-based product design and CX firm

3 August 2017

Infosys announced that it will acquire Brilliant Basics, a London-based product design and customer experience (CX) company, for an undisclosed sum. Brilliant Basics provides an ad agency-like digital service to companies such as BNP Paribas, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, among others.

"Adding Brilliant Basics' design and CX capabilities has already proven to be invaluable, helping Infosys close large deals with a deep blend of skills," said Ravi Kumar S, President and Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Infosys.

Brilliant Basics was founded by Anand Verma and Ralf Gehrig. This is the eighth acquisition by India's second-largest software exporter, which is in the process of turning its fortunes, at a time when it is faces

increased pressures on its traditional business, as clients shift their spending away, into newer technologies.

Infosys currently gets more than 60 per cent of its revenues from traditional outsourcing services.

Since Vishal Sikka has taken over as CEO, Infosys has made four acquisitions in an effort to kickstart its foray into new technology areas such as Cloud computing and use of automation, as well as increase its margins in traditional outsourcing services through the use of modern technologies.

Sikka refers to this as ‘Renew and New’ strategy, with an aim to hit \$20 billion by 2020-21, a target, which he has said is “aspirational” in nature.

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Company News

Accenture to Build NYC Innovation Hub as Destination for Clients and Accenture People to Co-Create Industry Solutions for the Digital Economy

2 August 2017

Accenture will expand its New York City Innovation Hub with a move to the brand-new Hudson Yards district in 2020. The hub will be a destination for Accenture people and clients to ideate, rapidly prototype and launch transformative ideas that meet the demands of today’s fast-changing digital world.

One of Fortune’s [25 Best Workplaces in New York](#), Accenture will occupy the top eight floors of One Manhattan West, bringing together in one location its more than 3,000 New York City-based employees and full breadth of capabilities. At the forefront of workplace design, the new space will provide a flexible, configurable environment that enables Accenture’s people and clients to work and collaborate in new ways, and will accommodate further growth as its business expands.

“Our clients, who are leaders in virtually every industry, are under tremendous pressure to innovate continuously and harness the power of disruption for competitive advantage,” said [Kathleen O’Reilly](#), senior managing director—US Northeast, Accenture. “We are bringing innovation to the doorsteps of our clients, creating a new destination where we can work side-by-side with them to reimagine their futures and solve their biggest challenges.”

Accenture’s new Innovation Hub in New York City will build on its extensive innovation footprint, and further demonstrates its [accelerated investment in innovation](#) in the United States. By 2020 the company will build 10 new Innovation Hubs in key cities, invest \$1.4 billion in training and create 15,000 highly skilled new jobs. In addition to New York City, Accenture’s other Innovation Hubs in the U.S. are in Chicago, Houston, San Jose and Washington, D.C.

Accenture’s Innovation Hubs provide clients hands-on access to digital and emerging technologies — artificial intelligence, blockchain, robotics, drones with computer vision, and virtual reality — that have the power to transform business. In New York City, the company’s hub includes its [Fjord Design Studio](#), where clients can apply design-thinking methodologies; a [Liquid Studio](#) that quickly turns concepts into prototypes through rapid software application development; and industry-specific capabilities such as an Innovation Center for Finance & Risk.

“We are committed to advancing New York City’s tech economy and excited to be expanding our footprint in a pioneering neighborhood that so closely reflects our own culture of innovation,” O’Reilly

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said. “We are building a forward-thinking, human-focused space, creating an environment for our incredible talent in the city to learn, collaborate, network and work productively in a high-energy atmosphere.”

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Approyo Named One of 10 Most Valuable SAP Solution Providers by Insights Success Magazine

31 July 2017

Approyo, a SAP HANA Solutions Provider, is honored to announce that it has been selected among [the 10 Most Valuable SAP Solution Providers](#) by Insights Success Magazine.

Insights Success is a platform that focuses distinctively on emerging as well as leading companies, their confrontational style of doing business and way of delivering effective and collaborative solutions to strengthen market share. This magazine talks about leaders and orators from the world of technology, which includes CEOs, CIOs, VPs, managers and other professionals who had set a benchmark in the revolution of the industry.

"We are honored to be named to this great list. We want to be the most customer-centric SAP HANA business in the world. This means our team is focused on our customers and making sure that they are achieving their goals," said Chris Carter, CEO of Approyo.

"Starting their own business, while knowing all the difficulties, obstacles and competition one will have to face is the greatest challenge the brave entrepreneurs of today are accepting wholeheartedly. One such outstanding influential entrepreneur, who's running his venture while influencing the world is Chris Carter of Approyo," said Archana Ghule, Editor-in-Chief of Insights Success.

Approyo has been providing [SAP HANA](#) solutions such as [SAP S/4HANA](#) 1610 in the cloud for the last three years. Approyo built an entire platform using the best solutions in the market, allowing clients to move SAP HANA quickly and benefit immediately without the massive upfront cost structure typically seen with those bare metal solutions.

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Aquitas Solutions Joins PTC’s Partner Advantage Program to Expand Eam and IoT Capabilities Through ThingWorx

1 August 2017

Aquitas Solutions announced today that they have joined PTC’s ThingWorx Partner Network as their first VAR for Enterprise Asset Management (EAM).

By partnering with PTC, Aquitas joins a leading network of enterprises dedicated to providing the best tools, solutions and support necessary to deliver transformative business value to their customers.

“We are extremely pleased and honored to be the first VAR for EAM in PTC’s Partner Advantage Program,” commented Wayne Brisson, Founder & CEO, Aquitas Solutions. He added, “Our seasoned business solutions team is fully engaged in the ThingWorx IoT portfolio and have quickly absorbed everything from real-time issue identification to the importance of synchronized operations to provide our clients a unified view of how their maintenance operations are performing.”

"As PTC continues to grow our IoT business, it is critical to partner with companies like Aquitas

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Solutions, that have a long history of delivering faster, smarter and more agile solutions to their customers," commented Kerry Grimes, Senior Vice President of Worldwide Channel Sales. He added, "We are excited to work with Aquitas Solutions to continue to drive innovation that will ultimately help PTC customers optimize performance and improve productivity."

Uptime drives profitability and as the relationship matures, a new wave of accelerating business value will hit asset intensive industries in such areas as operational equipment effectiveness, lean and connected supply chain, safety and regulatory risk, and new heights in collecting and exchanging data.

Aquitas' deep domain expertise in EAM coupled with ThingWorx's broad set of innovative IoT technologies will shed a new light on their client's maintenance departments and ultimately have them performing as profit centers.

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Dassault Systèmes and No Magic Establish Partnership to Boost Systems Engineering Solutions based on the 3DEXPERIENCE Platform

31 July 2017

Dassault Systèmes and No Magic, Incorporated have entered into a partnership to join their expertise in the Model-based systems engineering field. The two companies will integrate their industry solutions based on Dassault Systèmes' 3DEXPERIENCE platform addressing, among others, the need for competitiveness in the development of connected and autonomous experiences in the aerospace and defense, transportation and mobility, high-tech and life sciences industries.

Dassault Systèmes and No Magic will jointly collaborate with existing and new leading customers, bringing teams together to transform their business from product innovation to experience innovation, through a smooth introduction of Model Based Systems Engineering, starting from upstream thinking, design and simulation, to production and operations.

Today's Internet of Things (IoT) has evolved into the "Internet of Experiences" where autonomous products and connected devices are integrating more and more software to digitally connect to the physical world around them, blending together to become part of a living experience shaped by interactions between products, nature and life.

To support these highly intricate and interconnected systems so that they seamlessly work together, industrial companies, along with their ecosystem of partners, are looking for the ability to virtually co-design and simulate systems of systems, embedded systems and software architectures across industries, support cross-disciplinary approaches, and shorten design and engineering innovation cycles through automation and systematic reuse of existing data.

With the 3DEXPERIENCE platform providing a 'single source of truth', customers can implement continuous 3D digital processes and address all lifecycle aspects of an experience, including requirements, Systems of Systems Architecture Models, Systems and sub-Systems architecture, functional, logical and physical 3D modeling simulation.

The 3DEXPERIENCE platform has been developed to support openness by providing the largest range of open standards and languages for System Engineering, such as STEP, Modelica, FMI, ReqIF or OSLC. The result of the partnership will enrich it with the adoption of industry standard models and languages such as UML-SysML, UPDM, DoDAF, MODAF or UAF.

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"No Magic brings excellence and deep knowledge in supporting, complying, and promoting the most widely used industry standards, and therefore best practices and template based models for a smooth adoption of Model Based Systems Engineering" said Philippe Laufer, CEO, CATIA, Dassault Systèmes. "This partnership will provide systems engineers and embedded software developers with robust solutions to design, analyze, develop, test, and deliver cost effective embedded and real-time systems and software that form today's 'Internet of Experiences'"

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Dassault Systèmes, a world leader in 3D engineering software. CATIA provides the largest portfolio bringing together multi-disciplinary approaches to product design and development. There is a very strong fit between our respective solutions that will benefit customers, linking conceptual and logical architectures of complex systems to domain specific implementations," said Gary Duncanson, CEO, No Magic. "Today's interconnected world is adding complexity exponentially. No Magic's solutions simplify the complexity, while at the same time lowering associated development costs. Model Based Systems Engineering is the only way we see to achieve complexity management and better business outcomes," added Duncanson.

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FCA, Toyota, Faurecia and AP&T Win the 5th Altair Enlighten Awards for Innovation in Automotive Lightweighting

31 July 2017

[Altair](#) and the Center for Automotive Research (CAR) have announced the winners of the 5th annual [Altair Enlighten Award](#), which strives to promote and celebrate innovation in automotive lightweighting. The winner of the Full Vehicle category was the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica, which is an impressive 249 pounds (113 kilograms) lighter than its predecessor. Toyota's carbon fiber closure panels for the 2017 Prius Prime and Lexus LC500, and Faurecia's Adaptive Valve™ for exhaust systems employed on the 2017 Chevrolet Silverado took the top honors for the module category. Swedish metal forming specialist AP&T claimed the Enabling Technology category for its innovative aluminum forming technology used on several European vehicles. The awards were presented today at the [2017 CAR Management Briefing Seminars \(MBS\)](#) in Traverse City, Mich., US.

"For the 5th year, our expanding field of global entries demonstrates an incredibly impressive range of innovations helping to meet the worldwide weight reduction challenges of modern automotive manufacturing," said judging chair Dr. Jay Baron, President and CEO of CAR, and director of CAR's Coalition for Automotive Lightweighting Materials. "FCA, Toyota, Faurecia and AP&T and all our 2017 finalists are contributing to reductions in weight, fuel consumption, and CO2 emissions. The Enlighten Award is an excellent way to highlight and recognize these achievements."

The FCA team built the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica from the ground up to achieve a lighter vehicle with improved safety, better NVH performance and superior interior space and comfort. The body system, which shed 168 pounds (76 kilograms), utilized high strength steels and large amounts of dual phase and hot stamped material grades for improved impact protection at reduced weight. Aluminum and cast magnesium were used for the rear sliding door, liftgate and the instrument panel beam, while the front-end module is a steel-plastic overmold to improve part integration and stiffness. Simulation methodologies including topology optimization studies were used throughout the vehicle's development to ensure a material efficient design.

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“The 2017 Chrysler Pacifica is our engineering response to the rapidly changing industry climate,” says Phil Jansen, Head of Product Development – FCA North America. “Customers are in need of ever-greater efficiency, but not at the expense of functionality. The Pacifica’s spacious package, delivered with a reduction in mass, allows us to exceed expectations.”

For the module category, which focuses on vehicle systems, subsystems and components, the international judging panel could not split the winners, opting to award the top prize to both Toyota and Faurecia. Toyota’s winning entry concerned the side and luggage doors of the 2017 Lexus LC and the liftgate of the 2017 Toyota Prius Prime which feature carbon fiber reinforced plastic (CFRP) inner panels, combined with aluminum, glass-fiber reinforced plastic (GFRP) and polypropylene outers for components that are 47% lighter than conventional metal structures.

“Toyota is excited to offer closure systems that are optimized to the unique mission of each vehicle,” said JP Flaharty, Executive Program Manager at Toyota Motor North America R&D. “With CFRP applied to the Prius Prime liftgate and the Lexus LC side and luggage doors, our customers can recognize the light touch and high tech appearance of these sophisticated, lightweight door systems. Our entire development team is honored to receive the Altair Enlighten Award in the module category.”

Faurecia’s winning entry was the Adaptive Valve™, an offset shaft spring return butterfly valve located in the intermediate pipe of the exhaust system. Its specific purpose is to address NVH concerns caused by cylinder deactivation by presenting the gas flow with a variable restriction. The valve requires less package space than traditional systems and its innovative design reduced the muffler weight of the 2017 Chevrolet Silverado by 26.5 pounds (12 kilograms).

"We are honored to receive Altair’s Enlighten Award for the FCM Adaptive Valve," said Dave DeGraaf, President of Faurecia Clean Mobility North America. "We are also extremely proud of our Adaptive Valve team for their hard work on this project. This recognition is a testament to their creativity and dedication."

Finally, the Enabling Technology category, a new award introduced in 2017 to recognize technological advances that enable manufacturers to save weight, was claimed by AP&T. The company’s aluminum forming technology is the world’s first multipurpose production line for high strength aluminum sheet metal, enabling flexibility in the forming of high strength car body components with complex shapes, leading to weight savings between 30-50%.

“It is truly a great honor for AP&T to receive the 2017 Enlighten Award,” said Christian Koroschetz, CTO, Technology Development at AP&T. “Winning this award is a big accomplishment for the whole AP&T team, who is dedicated to help our customers constantly produce lighter, safer and more energy-efficient products with a low climate and environmental impact. The multipurpose production line we developed enables outstanding flexibility in the forming of high-strength aluminum components (AA6xxx and AA7xxx) as well as an enhancement in freedom of design, making function and part integration possible in new ways."

The runner-up for this year’s Full Vehicle award was Honda for the multi-material space frame used to make the 2017 Acura NSX 48.5 pounds (22 kilograms) lighter. Constellium claimed the second place

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title in the Enabling Technology category for the HSA6™ aluminum alloys, which support the development of vehicles that are 15-30% lighter than those produced using conventional 6000-series aluminum alloys.

“I’d like to personally thank all of our nominees, finalists, runners up and winners for taking part in this year’s Altair Enlighten Award,” said Richard Yen, Senior Vice-President, Automotive and Global Markets Team at Altair. “Sharing knowledge and experiences through the award helps us all to collectively meet the challenges of weight and CO2 reduction. It’s clear that simulation software is playing a central role in this effort, with almost all of the full vehicle and module entries citing the use of design optimization technologies to generate innovative, material efficient products.”

The Altair Enlighten Award honors the greatest achievements in vehicle weight saving each year to inspire interest from policymakers, educators, students and the public, to create further competition for new ideas in the industry and to provide an incentive to share technological advances. The award is judged by a combination of automotive experts from industry, academia and the engineering media from across the world who debated the merits of each of the 29 finalists.

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First Public Showing for Vero in Thailand

28 July 2017

Vero Software chose the International Mould Exhibition (Intermold) 2017 for its first public showing in Thailand.

Specializing in mould design and manufacturing, the Intermold show was the perfect event for Vero to demonstrate its VISI, WorkNC and Edgecam CAD/CAM solutions since its recent establishment in the Thai market.

Lee Moosoo, Vero’s APAC Regional Manager, says visitors to the Vero stand were particularly impressed with the machined samples on show.

“Talking to people at the exhibition, we were able to fully understand their needs in terms of how they need to improve productivity. And we are now in a position to work towards meeting their various demands with Vero’s excellent software technology and stable service.”

VISI is an integrated CAD / CAM solution for mould design and machining. It supports a wide range of machining strategy from 2-axis, 3-axis and 5-axis machining, along with modeling environments that fully support wireframe to surface and solid. It is applicable to all parts of the mould industry with excellent data compatibility and specialized expertise such as a flow module specialized for injection mould and a progressive mould module for progressing sheet metal unfolding with molding analysis function.

WorkNC is an automated CAD/CAM solution for high-quality, reliable NC data creation which Lee Moosoo says users can immediately work with. “Users can automatically create their own machining data and share machining know-how.

“And machining time can be reduced by up to 80% with Vero’s Waveform Roughing technology, thanks to its larger Z steps and constant cutting feed rate.”

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Gerber Empowers the Next Generation of Fashion Tech with Design Competition

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With technology buzzing around the industry, Gerber announces the finalists of the technology focused student competition for ideation 2017. "The 5 finalists, out of more than 50 entries, were chosen after careful consideration by a global panel of industry professionals," said Elizabeth King, VP, digital solutions community and ecosystem at Gerber Technology.

Submitted applications came from 8 schools across the nation. In no particular order, the 5 finalists selected are:

- Alea Khan from the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) who submitted an athletic jacket featuring a light up navigation system.
- Kara Rainey from Oklahoma State University (OSU) who submitted a coat blending traditional felting techniques with modern laser cutting.
- Hojun Lee from the FIT who submitted a men's jacket utilizing digital printing and unconventional materials.
- Kira Brown from Fanshawe College who submitted a dress with a laser cut leather bodice.
- Linda Jean Baptiste from the FIT who submitted a motorcycle jacket combining waterproofing, wind repelling, abrasion resistance, and moisture control for the plus size woman.

"Through the incorporation of technology that has shaped their generation, we are encouraging our future leaders to push the limits of design. The designers and their creations will debut at ideation 2017 during a fashion show on November 3rd. Conference attendees will vote for the best overall garment to win the grand prize," continued King. "Gerber is passionate about providing the technology to make it easy for anyone in the world to design, produce and sell great products."

Ideation is the premier software conference dedicated to fashion and retail professionals who rely on Gerber's end-to-end Digital Solutions to integrate software like YuniquePLM® and the AccuMark® family of products to seamlessly transfer data across the supply chain – driving smart machines and feeding back information through IoT, allowing companies to automate their entire process. Streamlining the data and workflows provides insight, brings products to market faster, minimizes costs and ensures quality for Gerber customers.

Ideation will take place on November 1-3 at the Sheraton Universal Studios in Los Angeles, California.

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Independent Computer Consulting Group and Rhythm Systems Enter a Strategic Partnership to Help Mid-Market Customers Align Vision, Goals and Business Processes and Systems

3 August 2017

ICCG is an enterprise software focused consulting firm and an Infor Alliance and Gold Partner with global presence and a track record of more than 2,000 business and digital transformation project executions across ERP, Supply Chain Planning and Execution Systems, Warehouse Management

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Solutions and Product Life Cycle Management Solutions deployments.

Rhythm Systems provides software for mid-market companies to achieve successful business execution. Their cloud-based software streamlines strategic planning and execution for mid-market CEOs, executive leaders and departmental teams – ensuring all employees are aligned and working toward long-term, annual, quarterly, weekly and daily goals.

Both ICCG and Rhythm Systems have strong market positions and look to this new partnership to help customers drive additional and profitable growth and be successful in goal setting, strategic planning and disciplined execution.

Balachandran Anantharama, Senior Vice President for ICCG, welcomed the new partnership as an important strategic addition to ICCG’s consulting solutions portfolio. “The partnership is ICCG’s pathway to business and strategy consulting and to tying up strategy deployment with optimized business processes and proven enterprise systems tailored for specific industry verticals. It offers built-in last mile functionality and implementation accelerators for leveraging industry best business practices,” said Anantharama. “With this partnership, both companies’ customers will benefit and enjoy enhanced and differentiated services and an even higher level of customer satisfaction and experience.”

Rhythm Systems works with some of the top mid-market growth companies in the world – many of them Inc. 500 Winners, Best Place to Work Recipients and leaders in their industry. Over the last 10 years, The Rhythm System has helped leading mid-market companies develop over 3,000 plans and successfully complete over 250,000 growth priorities such as integrating acquisitions, launching new offices, and maximizing new product introductions.

“To help our customers remain competitive, we are always looking for ways to deliver additional innovative solution partners that will help them thrive in this change-driven marketplace,” said Cindy Praeger, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Rhythm Systems. “Working with ICCG will provide our customers with access to solutions that capitalize on business and digital transformation and also help ICCG to be a true business and strategy consulting firm for their valued clients.”

Rhythm Systems and ICCG plan on launching a series of webinars and workshops. These will showcase the importance of strategic planning for business and disciplined execution for consistent results for all growth initiatives and extends support with valued added services around business process optimization and implementing transformational systems for their mid-market clients.

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IoT Software RFPs, Vendor Validation to be Unveiled by IoT M2M Council

2 August 2017

The IoT M2M Council, with 25,000 members, the largest and fastest-growing trade association in the IoT sector, has announced a program to verify that IoT software platforms comply with open-source benchmarks that it has established. The benchmarks come in the form of a template RFP that is now available online, developed with input from major IoT software providers, such as PTC, HPE, and Intel subsidiary Wind River, as well as over 100 software users.

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Vendors will pay a fee to have their software assessed and to be validated as "Model IoT Providers" by the IMC. Vendor reviews will be included in the RFPs, which will be broadly circulated, and participating vendors will receive a detailed validation report, which they can use for their own purposes. The impartial review is intended to credibly differentiate for software buyers those platforms that provide functions agreed as necessary by a multitude of vendors and users.

"There's been an explosion in the number of software packages for IoT applications. Our members buy software, and they've made it clear that there is a need for these kinds of 'hands-on' buying tools," says Joel Young, IMC chairman and CTO of IoT technology provider Digi International, "Even those buyers that don't use formal RFPs in their procurement process tell us that they would find them useful."

The IMC's RFP and validation programme will cover technical issues related to software platforms, including connectivity, device management, data analytics, applications development, and security. Young points to recent IMC polling of IoT members that buy software, indicating that 100% of them would find general-purpose RFPs useful, and over 80% would use integrated reviews of platforms to do their vendor sourcing.

Plans call for the IMC to open the RFPs to its membership at the Mobile World Congress Americas, 12-14 September, but software vendors are now undergoing the review process for validation at that launch. Information on the RFP programme can be found at the IMC's website (<http://www.iotm2mcouncil.org/modelrfp>). The IMC intends to expand the programme to include connectivity services, hardware, and more.

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Lectra Appoints Rodrigo Siza, Regional Director of Spain and Portugal

1 August 2017

Lectra is pleased to announce the appointment of Rodrigo Siza to the role of Regional Director of Spain and Portugal.

Based in Porto, Portugal, Rodrigo Siza will focus on nurturing new regional collaborations to benefit the needs of Lectra's customers, and facilitate their success in the Industry 4.0 era. Rodrigo will rely on Lectra's highly experienced teams located in the region.

"Rodrigo has very effectively established long-term partnerships with our fashion and apparel, automotive and furniture customers in Portugal. He has helped our customers to emerge stronger from the world crisis which heavily impacted them. After 10 successful years as head of Lectra Portugal, Rodrigo is now also in charge of meeting the expectations of our Spanish customers," stated Daniel Harari, Lectra Chairman and CEO.

Players in the region are witnessing a strong dynamic, notably fashion brands in Spain and fashion and automotive industrialists with heightened added-value in Portugal. With the recent announcement of a new strategy to focus on Industry 4.0, Lectra is in a strong position to support these businesses in the digitalization of their processes.

For industries faced with more demanding consumers and ever-shorter product development and manufacturing cycles, integrating all steps along the extended supply chain, from design to cutting, is now a top priority. This is particularly apparent in Spain and Portugal, two countries positioned, in their own way, at the heart of Europe's fashion and automotive industries.

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Oracle Named a Leader in 2017 Analyst Evaluation for Digital Process Automation Software

18 July 2017

Oracle today announced it has been named a leader in the a Digital Process Automation (DPA) Software report. This placement confirms leadership for Oracle Process Cloud, which is part of [Oracle Cloud Platform](#).

“By delivering comprehensive process automation capabilities such as no- and low-code process design, case management and simplified connections to SaaS, Social, Cloud and on-premise systems, Oracle provides customers with a powerful option to continuously deliver engaging customer, employee, and partner experiences at every stage in their business transformation journey,” said Vikas Anand, vice president, product management, Oracle. “Today business process automation augmented with intelligent machine learning is helping organizations drive best next actions and provide them with better, timely decision making capabilities.”

Oracle Process Cloud Service was built from the ground up for the cloud to provide enterprises of all sizes with the low-code app dev platform that they need to build business agility and control their digital destiny. With full lifecycle support for end-to-end process automation spanning departments, SaaS apps, and on-premises systems of record, Oracle Process Cloud Service empowers business analysts and process designers with the tools they need to rapidly deliver differentiating experiences in a collaborative manner. Oracle Process Cloud Service comes with Quick Start App templates and pre-built integrations to companion platform services including, Content Management, Integration, Mobile, Intelligent Bots, and IoT Apps, to enable rapid delivery of engaging experiences across channels and devices.

Customer Momentum

“Process automation is central to our integration strategy,” said Ravi Gade, senior director of apps IT and digital transformation, Calix. “Calix leverages Oracle Process Cloud to reduce IT backlog, ensure compliance, and simplify connections across our rapidly evolving SaaS and on-premises business systems.”

“Using a combination of Oracle Process Cloud Service and Oracle Application Builder Cloud Service along with the cloud-native best practices introduced by our partner, Rubicon Red, we have a comprehensive, integrated cloud platform that enables us to deliver innovative, modern solutions,” said Ryan Klose, general manager, corporate, National Pharmacies. “The Oracle Cloud Platform gives us flexibility to connect to all our core systems, and easily deliver to a range of user interfaces, whether they be online, mobile/tablet, devices/IoT, or emerging chatbot technology.”

"Oracle Process Cloud Service has allowed us to dramatically shorten our time-to-market by up to 40 percent," said Matt Wright, chief technology officer, Rubicon Red. "Oracle provides developers with immediate access to a full lifecycle process management environment—including development, test, and production—and enterprise-quality tooling, without needing to build and maintain an IT infrastructure.”

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Oracle, SafeLogic and OpenSSL Partner on Next Generation FIPS Module

3 August 2017

Oracle, OpenSSL and SafeLogic today announced a seed investment in developing the next generation open source OpenSSL 1.1 FIPS 140-2 module, and called for others to join the effort. OpenSSL is the most widely used and respected cryptographic library protecting data transfers across computer networks.

The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 140-2 is a joint U.S. and Canadian government security standard for testing cryptographic modules, the objective of which is to ensure the use of strong and validated cryptographic protection in U.S. and Canadian government systems. However, it's also widely respected and informally accepted by other countries and non-government industries as a strong and trustworthy standard for cryptographic modules used within commercial products. The current FIPS module for OpenSSL has not had a significant upgrade since 2012, during which time encryption standards have significantly evolved. Helping drive the updated OpenSSL FIPS project forward, Oracle has made a \$50,000 seed investment to start the project, with another \$50,000 to follow based on the progress of the effort.

"Ensuring that OpenSSL maintains an up to date FIPS implementation is critical to helping maintain the security posture of sensitive data on government systems and the continuous safety of millions of transactions performed daily. We as a community have a responsibility to maintain the confidence of users in these systems," said Jim Wright, Chief Architect, Open Source Policy, Strategy, Compliance and Alliances at Oracle. "Given the complexity of the task at hand, we encourage other software vendors to join us in and donate to this project to deliver a free, open-source FIPS module that will benefit everyone."

In addition to working closely with the OpenSSL Foundation's team, Oracle and SafeLogic have worked closely on both investments in and the project framework of this effort. SafeLogic has been actively working with OpenSSL on this project [since July 2016](#).

"This is what we've been waiting for—getting this effort off to a good strong start—and with a few more partners from the community, we'll be on our way toward a complete FIPS 140-2 solution for OpenSSL releases 1.1 and later," said Steve Marquess, President of OpenSSL Validation Services, Inc. "We're already hard at work on the initial stage of designing a new module to accommodate the many changes in FIPS 140 validations over the past five years, and looking forward to a modernized implementation that can support the community for years to come."

"Oracle has made a significant pledge, underscoring their crucial role in the future of open source FIPS 140-2 capabilities," said SafeLogic CEO Ray Potter. "Other sponsors with a vested interest should get in touch with SafeLogic to arrange their own donations, as we are administering contributions to directly fund both the hard and soft costs of the OpenSSL 1.1 FIPS Module project."

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Tata Appoints Ramakrishnan Venkataraman as CFO

28 July 2017

Tata Consultancy Services has appointed Ramakrishnan Venkataraman as the Chief Finance Officer of the firm, following the ascension of his predecessor, Rajesh Gopinathan, to Chief Executive Officer. Venkataraman will be charged with consolidating the firm's strong financial position.

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Ramakrishnan Venkataraman joined [Tata Consultancy Services](#) (TCS) in 1999, serving as the Finance head of TCS North America for 7 years – during which time the firm experienced rapid growth in the region. He since became Vice President at the firm, with roles that include the financial controllership of TCS subsidiaries and branches globally – in addition to being engaged with various M&A integration initiatives.

Venkataraman has taken on the role of CFO at the firm, with responsibility for the finances of the global professional services firm now resting on his shoulders. The firm boasts a roster of more than 378,000 consultants and an annual turnover of \$16.5 billion, figures which see former CFO Rajesh Gopinathan rewarded with a promotion to the role of TCS CEO.

Gopinathan said of the appointment of Venkataraman as his successor, “Ramki has been a key member of the TCS Finance team for more than 17 years and has worked closely with me over the last 9 years. I am confident that under Ramki’s leadership TCS Finance will continue to extend its leadership position.”

Venkataraman meanwhile commented on his new role at the firm, “As we pivot to lead in a Digital world, the role of Finance becomes even more strategic. I look forward to working closely with Rajesh and the TCS team in our journey to sustain and enhance stakeholder value.”

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TCS Honored at Manufacturing Leadership 100 Awards

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Tata Consultancy Services has been recognized as a prominent 'Technology Partner' at the prestigious 2017 Manufacturing Leadership 100 Awards for the fourth time in the past five years.

TCS was praised for its key role as IT Services partner for customers Boeing, Flowserve and Adient, and received recognition from the judges for supporting impressive winning entries in the categories of "Operational Excellence Leadership," "Enterprise Technology Leadership" and "Mobility in Manufacturing Leadership," respectively.

Now in its 13th year, the Manufacturing Leadership Awards honor innovative manufacturing companies – across industries – that demonstrate breakthrough projects that set them apart from competitors and deliver compelling returns on investment.

TCS assisted Flowserve to standardize their eCommerce journey map, by implementing a global eCommerce solution. The solution helped Flowserve achieve a single global eCommerce platform, opening a new channel for sales, promoting cross-sell and up-sell opportunities and providing a differentiated and consistent shopping experience to buyers at different touch-points across geographies and business lines.

For Boeing, TCS implemented an organizational project management lean tool to digitally streamline steps in a new process that effectively controls task inflows and manages efficient task completion, while automating key steps in the process framework. The tool is also used to communicate status and generate metrics that provides business health data, crucial for running the organization.

TCS supported Adient in their digital journey by building diversified mobile solutions that can be used both within the organization and also used to improve visibility with the customer base. During the first phase of the project, mobile applications were rolled out to help Adient not only generate greater

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mindshare and engagement with its customers, but also enable better cross-sell and up-sell opportunities, improve visibility and access, and enhance customer experience of its product portfolio.

"This award reaffirms our ongoing commitment to deliver an integrated value proposition and digital transformation initiatives to our customers by constantly innovating and providing top-notch solutions to address critical business issues," said Milind Lakkad, global head of Manufacturing, TCS. "We are honored to be recognized for the fourth time as 'Technology Partner' in the Manufacturing Leadership 100 Awards."

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Theorem Partner Avasis to Sell 3D PDF for NX and JT Users

31 July 2017

[AVASIS](#), a Siemens PLM provider for small, medium and large enterprises across both Germany and Switzerland, has signed a partnership agreement with Theorem Solutions to offer our [Publish 3D](#) products to the German and Swiss market. [AVASIS](#)' team of qualified, motivated and performance-orientated individuals provide Product Lifecycle Management services, based on their mission statement of reliability, inspiration and commitment to customers.

This partnership with [Theorem](#) represents an important opportunity to provide our best-in-class products and services to its customers and the wider market. [AVASIS](#) will sell our products, with a focus on our [Publish 3D](#) product suite, offering a [3D PDF publishing solution for the NX and JT](#) user.

"I am delighted Theorem have signed this agreement with AVASIS. In recent years, due to the change in our product suite, Theorem have seen an opportunity to work together with AVASIS, and we are very pleased to have finally signed this agreement. Theorem are eager to build on this relationship to deliver the growth that both companies strive for and I am very confident this new business relationship will prove to be mutually beneficial," said Neil Wharton, Business Development Manager, [Theorem Solutions](#).

"As an experienced PLM service provider in the field of industrial machinery, as well as in the medical device industry, we are convinced that Theorem Solutions' 3D PDF suite will offer our customers real added value. We have known Theorem Solutions for a long time and I am very pleased that we were able to sign this agreement. This is a genuine extension to our range of first-class services and Siemens products, which will benefit our customers," said Nelson Labbate, PLM Project Manager, [AVASIS](#).

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Vector Software and Intland Software Announce Strategic Partnership

1 August 2017

[Vector Software](#) and [Intland Software](#) today announced a strategic partnership to develop solutions that improve software verification and validation in regulated environments.

Based in Stuttgart, Germany, Intland Software develops and markets codeBeamer ALM, a fully integrated end-to-end Application Lifecycle Management software platform. Intland Software's codeBeamer ALM is a scalable collaborative tool used by global enterprises to manage complex product development processes that helps reduce the time and costs of development and compliance in safety-critical industries.

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Vector Software solutions provide development organizations the most complete and cost-effective approach to managing the complexities of testing safety- and business-critical software. Vector Software's [VectorCAST](#) embedded software testing platform provides manageable and repeatable testing outcomes enabling organizations to improve productivity, reduce risk, and maximize ROI.

“Our solutions provide a competitive advantage for companies working on safety-critical embedded software,” stated Janos Koppany, chief executive officer of Intland Software. “The combined offering will help development organizations implement mature processes, ensure traceability, and achieve compliance with minimum cost and effort.”

"We are delighted to partner with Intland Software," said Jeffrey Fortin, head of product management. "Our partnership with Intland demonstrates our continued commitment to offer our customers best-of-breed solutions enabling them to implement an integrated multi-vendor development environment that meets their specific needs."

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Wipro Launches Silicon Valley Innovation Center in Mountain View

1 August 2017

Wipro Limited today announced the launch of a multi-million dollar Silicon Valley Innovation Center in Mountain View, California. This state-of-the-art R&D and incubation hub is designed to develop and showcase next-generation technologies and solutions for enterprises.

Wipro has been making investments in emerging technologies so as to enable clients to become future-ready in this era of digital transformation. Wipro’s Silicon Valley Innovation Center will serve as a showcase for the ‘Art of The Possible’ and demonstrate cutting-edge enterprise applications based on disruptive technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality, Hyper Spectral Imaging, Machine Vision and Collaborative Robotics& Automation, to solve real-world business challenges faced by enterprises. The center will also serve as a value creator for technology start-ups, small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurs, enabling them to showcase and integrate their technology capabilities with that of Wipro and participate in the larger innovation ecosystem.

The center has also incubated a ‘Digital Pod’ and features a ‘Rapid Proto Lab’. The pod is purpose-built for Wipro’s digital strategy, design and engineering teams to work in a collaborative and adaptive workspace, along with clients. Wipro has 14 digital and design pods across the globe, including London, New York, Copenhagen, Oslo, Stockholm, Madrid, Munich, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Bangalore and Tokyo. Clients will also have access to immersive experiences and the ability to experiment with futuristic technologies in the ‘Rapid Proto Lab’.

Wipro’s Silicon Valley Innovation Center expects to finalize technology research partnerships with leading universities in the United States during the course of the current financial year. The center will also support the company’s collaboration with technology start-ups in the Bay Area through Wipro Ventures, the strategic investment arm of Wipro Limited. Wipro Ventures is a USD 100 million fund that focuses on investing in early- to mid-stage startups and leverages Wipro’s global reach and market knowledge to accelerate the growth of its portfolio companies.

Abidali Z. Neemuchwala, Chief Executive Officer & Executive Director, Wipro Limited said, “Our new center imbued with the culture, spirit and creative energy of Silicon Valley, the cradle of technological innovation, will design and deliver path-breaking solutions for our clients. Wipro is committed to

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working more closely with start-ups, academia and leading technology companies in the Bay area to help our clients achieve their desired digital transformation outcomes.”

During the past decade, Wipro has invested over USD 2 billion in the United States. Wipro has over 40 facilities across 23 states in the U.S. The company has been focused on creating jobs in the U.S. underscoring its strategy to build a deep reservoir of local talent based out of centers close to its clients.

During the first six months of this calendar year, Wipro hired over 1,600 employees and today employs over 14,000 in the U.S., a majority of whom are U.S. locals. Wipro will continue to recruit from top universities and also hire experienced professionals to build on the momentum of hiring locally in the United States.

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Zipit Receives 2017 IoT Security Excellence Award

28 July 2017

Zipit announced today that the [Zipit IoT Platform](#) has been awarded a 2017 IoT Security Excellence Award from IoT Evolution magazine, a leading industry publication covering IoT technologies.

The award honors organizations delivering software or hardware solutions which enable the advancement of security in the Internet of Things.

Zipit's IoT Platform, which provides secure Internet connectivity and device management capabilities such as device authentication, device monitoring & diagnostics, and secure over-the-air firmware upgrades, has been a key component of various commercialized IoT applications and devices. For over a decade, Zipit's IoT Platform has been used in healthcare, consumer electronics, smart home and other markets.

Zipit's technology has been vetted for enterprise use by the Department of Defense, the FDA, and many of the country's leading healthcare and commercial organizations.

In addition, the company's unique expertise in devices, connectivity and cloud infrastructure has enabled Zipit to provide the holistic security & device management capabilities necessary for more adequately addressing the challenge of securing and managing enterprise IoT deployments.

"Our team's extensive background in securing and managing IoT devices in both consumer and commercial spaces has allowed us to create a platform that delivers on the value proposition of the Internet of Things with no compromise in security or reliability," said Frank Greer, CEO of Zipit. "Zipit's platform has been proven in some of the industry's most security sensitive applications such as healthcare and the Federal Government. It is an honor to be recognized with this award."

"The solutions selected for the IoT Security Excellence Award reflect innovation driving the fast-growing Internet of Things marketplace. It is my honor to congratulate Zipit for their work and important contribution to this rapidly changing industry," said Carl Ford, CEO of Crossfire Media, a co-publisher of IoT Evolution Magazine.

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CGTech to Highlight VERICUT Composites Applications at SAE AeroTech

2 August 2017

CGTech will demonstrate the latest version of VERICUT Composites Applications during the SAE 2017 AeroTech Congress & Exhibition in Fort Worth, TX, Sept. 26-28, in Booth P724.

During the show, CGTech will exhibit both VERICUT Composite Simulation (VCS), and VERICUT Composite Programming (VCP). Visitors will have a firsthand view of the steps needed to get from a CAD model of a composite part, to producing and simulating CNC programs that drive Automated Fiber Placement (AFP) and Automated Tape Laying (ATL) machines.

“Due to the extensive time, energy, and labor invested in composite workpieces prior to machining, they can often times be more expensive than even some exotic metal alloy parts,” said André Colvin, CGTech Composites Product Manager. “Repairing composite workpieces after a machining error is problematic and many times not advisable. Thus, validating the part program prior to trimming is exceedingly critical.”

During SAE AeroTech, current customer projects to be highlighted include extensive use of robots, lasers, probing, and ultrasonic knives. Information on new projects will highlight the implementation and use of machine independent off-line NC programming software for AFP and ATL machines, such as the work being done at NASA's Langley Research Center using a 16-tow Electroimpact automated fiber placement machine. On Sept. 27, attendees will have the chance to sit in on an insightful presentation titled, “Roadmap to Automated Composites Manufacturing,” led by Charles Anderton.

CGTech will also exhibit its latest version of VERICUT CNC machine simulation, verification and optimization software. VERICUT enables users to eliminate the process of manually proving-out NC programs, simulates all types of CNC machining including drilling and trimming of composite parts, water jet, riveting, robotics, mill/turn and parallel kinematics. VERICUT runs standalone, but can also be integrated with most CAM systems.

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TEBIS to Feature Release 4 of Its Current Version 4.0 at WESTEC 2017

4 August 2017

Tebis America will feature the latest release of its Version 4.0 at WESTEC 2017, Booth No. 1823, September 12-14, 2017, Los Angeles.

With this new release, Tebis software provides for enhanced features such as creating area curves during part comparison to enable better detection and limitation of modified areas. The new function creates

non-overlapping shifted surfaces from any curves at defined angles.

In addition, parts can now be automatically morphed together with the most complex trimming curves in surface morphing. The geometry of the original curves is fully retained and color properties are transferred 1:1. Curves can now also be included in surface morphing.

Deep-hole drilling in the CAM area has been better oriented to support automated calculation and machining. There is also a new tool type with an extended set of cutting data and special speeds, feed rates, cooling types and depth sections needed for deep-hole drilling.

The definition of toolpaths has been further simplified in 5-axis milling and operating convenience of the functions has been improved. Options have been included for fast vector smoothing and for tilt-optimized calculation of toolpaths even without manual definition of vectors.

Tebis Version 4.0 Release 4 also offers new possibilities for robotic machining. For example, additional axes in robot cells can now also be controlled as simultaneous NC axes if the robot is mounted on a positioning unit.

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Financial News

Autodesk Extends Invitation to Join Financial Results Conference Call

1 August 2017

[Autodesk](#), Inc. today announced that it will broadcast its second quarter fiscal 2018 financial results conference call live via its website Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Autodesk will host a live webcast call at www.autodesk.com/investors. An audio replay webcast and podcast will also be available after 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time on our website at www.autodesk.com/investors. For more information, please call Autodesk Investor Relations at 415-507-6373.

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OpenText Reports Fourth Quarter and Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Results

3 August 2017

Open Text Corporation today announced its financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

"Fiscal 2017 was a transformational year for OpenText as we strengthened our product offerings with OpenText Release 16 and acquisitions. OpenText delivered a record \$2.29 billion in revenues and \$728 million in Adjusted Operating Income, representing 26% and 18% in year-over-year growth, respectively," said Mark J. Barrenechea, OpenText CEO & CTO. "Our Annual Recurring Revenues (Cloud Services & Subscriptions and Customer Support) grew 25% to \$1.69 billion."

"Strategic acquisitions and positive organic growth continue to be our leading growth drivers. Fiscal 2018 will be the first full year of benefit from acquisitions completed over the last 12 months and we expect growth in total revenue, annual recurring revenues, margin, and cash flow. As well, we will

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remain focused on operational excellence and disciplined capital allocation," said Barrenechea.

Barrenechea concluded, "Our new corporate brand, "OpenText: The Information Company", has been well received by our customers, partners and employees. OpenText Enterprise Information Management (EIM) enables customers to digitize their processes and supply chains, incorporate more information through machines and unlock the value of that information with our new Artificial Intelligence (AI) platform, Magellan. We support our customers operating in a hybrid world, deploying on-premises, in the OpenText Cloud, or in a cloud of their choice."

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PROS Holdings, Inc. Reports Second Quarter 2017 Financial Results

3 August 2017

PROS Holdings, Inc. today announced financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2017.

CEO Andres Reiner stated, "We are excited to see our strategic vision continue to unfold with another solid performance in the second quarter. On the strength of our land and expand strategy and our industry approach, we grew subscription revenue 47% year-over-year, exceeding the high end of guidance. Our rich history in AI and machine learning puts us in a strong position to capitalize on a large market opportunity to power modern commerce."

The full report is located at the Investor section of their website: <http://www.pros.com/about-pros/investor-relations/news-alert/>

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Implementation Investments

DNV GL and Siemens Lead the Way in Asset Lifecycle Management for the Oil and Gas Industry

2 August 2017

DNV GL has chosen Siemens' [Teamcenter®](#) portfolio to help its customers manage the safety and performance of all information over the asset lifecycle. Taking the next step in efficient and information-driven asset lifecycle management, the two companies will combine DNV GL's deep technical domain knowledge from oil and gas projects and operations, with Siemens' PLM software technology, to create a powerful digital asset model

The collaboration between Siemens and DNV GL will support the oil and gas industry's increasing focus on its digital transformation. Research conducted by DNV GL1 reveals that nearly half (49 percent) of senior oil and gas executives believe digitalization is necessary to boost profitability. Thirty-nine percent believe spending on digitalization will increase in 2017.

The asset information lifecycle, from feasibility stage through end of life, currently suffers from disparity of information formats and no single source of essential asset information among owners, operators, designers, yards and manufacturers. This, in turn, leads to cost, quality and safety issues both in engineering as well as during operations and asset modifications. DNV GL is tackling these challenges by combining unique domain knowledge with the breadth and depth of Siemens' Teamcenter portfolio.

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“DNV GL’s deep technical expertise is involved in all stages of the asset lifecycle, supporting customers in optimising their performance, and ensuring safe and reliable operations,” said Elisabeth Tørstad, CEO, DNV GL - Oil & Gas. “By working with Siemens and its Teamcenter software, our customers will be able to save time in reviewing critical asset lifecycle information and work more collaboratively with industry partners. Users will have access to an online, self-service portal that offers automated compliance-checking, benchmarking and data mining capabilities.”

As part of the implementation, DNV GL will take advantage of Active Workspace for Teamcenter® software, which provides a streamlined and intuitive user experience across operating systems and computing devices to facilitate smarter decision-making.

“With the rise of digitalization, improved collaboration will enable the industry to transform to meet the demands of the new era and become profitable,” said Joe Bohman, Senior Vice President of Lifecycle Collaboration Software for Siemens PLM Software. “The backbone of Siemens’ Teamcenter software is Product Lifecycle Management, the ability to manage large volumes of complex information integrated with engineering tools over the lifecycle from cradle to grave. Solutions that allow users to master new challenges collaboratively, and therefore quickly and simply, will help companies meet these future needs. We are proud that DNV GL decided in favor of Siemens PLM Software to boost its group-wide digitalization strategy using Teamcenter.”

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Successful Centric PLM Go-Live for Cabbeen

3 August 2017

Cabbeen Fashion Limited, a leading producer of casual menswear in China, has successfully implemented Centric Software’s Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solution.

Cabbeen was founded in Guangzhou in 1997 by its chairman and chief designer, Mr Ziming Yang, affectionately known as “Mr. Cabbeen”. Cabbeen masters multiple aspects of menswear; the design of apparel, footwear and accessories, brand management, wholesaling and retailing. It currently owns four fashion menswear brands: Cabbeen Lifestyle, Cabbeen Urban, Cabbeen Chic and 2AM. Its clothing retails in over 1,000 outlets across China and the company has won multiple Chinese fashion awards.

In order to support their growth strategy in the competitive and rapidly changing fashion market in China, Cabbeen announced their decision to implement Centric Software PLM solution in February 2017. They cited the need to restructure their internal supply chain to improve competitiveness and efficiency. The implementation took just four months, finishing in June, and the project teams from Centric and Cabbeen are proud to announce that the system has successfully gone live.

“We selected Centric because we were impressed by their adaptable and flexible platform,” explains Mr Chen Jun, CIO at Cabbeen. “Choosing the right solution makes implementation and ongoing maintenance so much easier. Centric has a lot of experience in the apparel industry and their market leading position gave us great confidence in their product. When we began the implementation, we looked forward to seeing a reduction in the amount of time the R & D team spent on data collection as well as improvements in visualization and overall efficiency. We are happy to report that our team is working much more efficiently now and we are already seeing positive results.”

“The fashion marketplace in China is extremely fast-paced and competitive,” continues Mr Chen. “Here at Cabbeen, we shortened our product launch period from 7-8 months to 5 months. Centric PLM has

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absolutely changed our way of working and has helped to provide a visible and standardized product development process. We can now build up systematic ways to manage our business. Taking color management as an example, we can manage colors in three different perspectives: color group, color range and color tone.”

“There are also cost saving benefits. The new platform enables us to order fabric smartly: we can order the first 30 percent when we start product development, then order another 30 percent around the pre-sales meeting. Last but not least, we can be more agile and flexible around launch dates, which means we can meet market demand in a better way. We are delighted to already see improvements in efficiency, reactivity and transparency, and we anticipate reporting more gains as our productive relationship with Centric moves on to the next stage.”

As Mr. Chen concludes, “Centric’s Agile Deployment(TM) methodology allowed us to complete this project rapidly and smoothly. In just a few months, we have completely overhauled the IT structure of our design and production operations. Centric PLM is helping us support business growth and respond rapidly to market demands. Our users are adopting the PLM system with enthusiasm and we are looking forward to the future.”

“When Cabbeen selected Centric earlier this year, we were excited to begin working with a company that is leading the way in men’s fashion in China,” says Chris Groves, President and CEO of Centric Software. “Now that Cabbeen has successfully gone live, we are proud to hear that they are already seeing positive results and we anticipate a long and successful partnership ahead.”

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Product News

CoreTechnologie Fully Supports STEP AP242 for Model Based Enterprise

3 August 2017

CoreTechnologie (CT), known for its 3D_Evolution® software, wholly supports the reading and writing of STEP AP242 that provides 3D digital information for downstream applications while maintaining PLM process flow through the archival of datasets. CoreTechnologie is in support of forward thinking companies that are embracing the transition to the Model Based Enterprise and are required to comply with federal and international regulations and standards.

Previous standards AP203 (aerospace) and AP214 (automotive) have merged to become ISO 10303 AP242. STEP AP242 is a neutral file format that includes the assembly structure(s), composite data, exact geometry, tessellated data, semantic and graphical PMI. Furthermore, this format allows the checking of validation properties including geometry, annotations, assembly, saved views, user defined attributes, color, visibility with validation reports; complying with LOTAR (Long Term Data Archival and Retrieval) standards. Future projects to improve STEP AP242 could include machining form features, kinematics and mating definitions just to name a few.

CT sits on the CAx Implementor Forum and is a board member of PDES, Inc., and was the first software company to develop and implement code to support the LOTAR consortium standards, initially at Airbus and continuing with many other customers in the aerospace and manufacturing sectors. David Selliman, VP of North America, states, "Evolving technology increasingly requires capabilities for PLM interoperability to be based on open standards and CT will continue to stay on the forefront of

development and implementation in this fast-moving universe."

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ModuleWorks and Siemens PLM Software Announce ModuleWorks Bridge for Parasolid

26 July 2017

ModuleWorks and Siemens PLM Software confirmed an agreement that will simplify and accelerate mutual customer integration of the ModuleWorks software components with Siemens PLM Software's Parasolid® software.

By utilizing the ModuleWorks Bridge for Parasolid, ModuleWorks partners will be able to develop applications to directly read models from Parasolid, the world's premier 3D geometric modeling kernel technology.

The ModuleWorks Bridge for Parasolid allows client applications to read and query solid model topology and geometry and tessellate the model for toolpath generation and simulation without the need for translation or conversion to any other formats.

Product development on the bridge is now complete and it is available to licensees of Parasolid as part of the ModuleWorks 2010.6 component software release.

Technical Director, Dr David Plater comments, "We have many customers who use both ModuleWorks and Parasolid in their products. By offering the Parasolid bridge technology, we are able to provide an easy integration with Parasolid geometry without the need for any translation or secondary layers."

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YuniquePLM® 7.1 Features Adobe® Artboard Support and Advanced User Configurability Options

2 August 2017

An increase in personalization has become an expectation with today's technological advancements and the new YuniquePLM 7.1 upgrade delivers this to its customers. "Bringing the power of the configurability to the user of a YuniquePLM workspace is at the heart of this release," said Clayton Parker, PLM product manager, Gerber Technology.

With the new release of YuniquePLM 7.1, Gerber used customer feedback to develop the upgrades. These included:

- Artboard support within YuniquePLM Design Suite Plugin for Adobe Illustrator® CC17 on both Mac and PC, allowing customers to work with 1 multi-paged Adobe Illustrator doc and assign pages to different sections within a product in YuniquePLM.
- Improvements to Configurability that was released with v7.0 and the ability to group pages when editing, allowing you to edit pages en masse.
- Addition of 6 new PANTONE® libraries.

Gerber Technology has enhanced the performance of YuniquePLM – enabling the continuous delivery of new features requested by our customers. This means new features can be delivered to the core product in a shorter development timeframe so customers don't have to wait for major software releases to reap the benefit of new functionality. "Using our user-voice feedback system, customers can request,

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discuss, and vote on new features to be added to the core product that will help them in the future,” continued Parker.

The YuniquePLM product lifecycle management software serves as a central repository of critical data and eliminates problems companies often face when using multiple Excel spreadsheets or tracking documents to communicate throughout the stages of product development and management. YuniquePLM creates a single version of the truth, connecting a company’s creative process with their supply chain and production processes.

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