

# Dassault Systèmes Acquires Gemcom Software International

CIMdata Commentary

Dassault Systèmes announced their acquisition of Gemcom Software International (Gemcom), a leader in mining software solutions, and the creation of a new Dassault Systèmes brand to support modeling of the planet and natural resources—GEOVIA. Gemcom, a global company with headquarters in Vancouver, Canada, provides software and services for mining customers to discover, measure, design, plan and manage their mining operations from exploration to exploitation.

The objective of the GEOVIA brand is to develop and deliver products to model and simulate the planet. GEOVIA will provide tools for resources managers including geologists, botanists, ecologists, environmental regulators, political leaders, hydrologists, petroleum & mining engineers, foresters, and others working with and developing the world's natural resources. Dassault Systèmes' will apply their 3D modeling and simulation capabilities to help improve predictability, efficiency, safety, regulatory compliance, sustainability of resources provision, and long-term availability of natural resources.

CIMdata believes the combination of Gemcom's mining software and Dassault Systèmes' simulation, modeling, and collaboration solutions are a good fit for the resources industries. Effective development and use of the world's natural resources is essential for long term sustainability as the world population continues to grow and develop. The ability to model a mine and simulate how to extract ore from it will improve the ability of mining companies to get the most from those resources with the least effort, cost, and environmental impact. Effective 3D modeling can help engineers design better processes and methods for extracting the desired ores and materials and improve the overall safety of the mining operation. Additionally, using Dassault Systèmes' tools will help companies do that extraction while meeting the increasing number and environmental of compliance regulations.

Dassault Systèmes' collaboration tools will enable companies to more efficiently use and leverage their human resources and reduce the travel time involved in supporting globally distributed mining operations. Team will be able to work virtually on mine models and processes without always having to be at the mining location.

As with all acquisitions, Dassault Systèmes' will need to effectively integrate Gemcom's software and people with the larger Dassault Systèmes' organization but they have demonstrated with past acquisitions the ability to do that successfully.

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