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mb America Inc. Invests U.S. $1.25 Million in DATACAD LLC
Investment Brings Together Two Predominant Architectural CADD Software Developers

AVON, Conn. – April 23, 1999 – DATACAD LLC and mb America Inc., the American subsidiary of mb Software AG of Hameln, Germany [Neuer Markt, Germay WKN: 658 320], both developers of market-leading A/E/C software, today announced that mb America has invested U.S. $1.25 million in DATACAD.

The union brings together two of the most widely used architectural CADD applications – DATACAD's DataCAD®, and SPIRIT®, one of mb Software's market-leading software solutions for European architects and the building industry. Both products descend from the same core software code originally developed by Microtecture Corporation 15 years ago. The combined user base of over 270,000 worldwide represents the second largest installation of architectural CADD software.

"This investment is a win-win relationship on many fronts," said Mark Madura, President and CEO of DATACAD LLC. For DATACAD, the infusion of working capital will enable us to deliver updates faster and expand beyond our core architectural market into new applications for civil engineering, facilities management, animation, and virtual reality." The investment will also serve as a platform for joint development efforts going forward.

"DATACAD's well-established user base, brand-name recognition and distribution channel made it the ideal firm to partner with," said Dieter J. Heimlich, President and CEO of mb America and co-founder of mb Software subsidiary softTECH GmbH, developers of the SPIRIT product line. "In addition to our joint development efforts, we hope to develop a broad U.S. market for mb Software's products such as ArCon® and Speedikon®. Our new Java-based technologies for the Internet and the e-commerce market will add tremendous value to our existing product lines and will generate new markets for both DATACAD LLC and mb Software."

About DATACAD LLC

DATACAD LLC is an independent, privately held company that provides robust computer-aided design and drafting solutions to architecture, building, engineering, and construction firms. According to the most recent AIA firm survey, DataCAD is the second most widely used CADD software among American Institute of Architects (AIA) member firms. DataCAD has over 250,000 installations worldwide.

For more information go to http://www.datacad.com on the web.

About mb America Inc.

mb America Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of mb Software AG and was established as the North American headquarters. The company is responsible for sales, marketing, product positioning, communications, training, and strategic alliances within North America. The company is deeply committed to market high-quality, high-performance, practical solutions for building design professionals and to bring mb Software AG's Java and 02C (Open Office Connection) products to the rapidly growing Internet market.

For more information go to http://www.mb-america.com on the web.

About mb Software AG

mb Software AG is a public company based in Hameln, Germany [Neuer Markt, Germany WKN: 658 320], with about twenty subsidiaries. It is one of the largest AEC software vendors in Europe with annual revenues exceeding $70 million. The products are grouped into the following product families: Structural Engineering & Analysis/Finite Elements/Statics, Architecture, Facility Management, and Visualization. Some are stand-alone programs based on proprietary technology and they all run on top of CAD engines, such as AutoCAD® and Microstation®. The company is developing a new state-of-the-art CAD server [or.bit] (Objects and Relations for Buildings with Integrational Technology) for future product lines. The company's flagship product, ArCon®, is an architectural design and visualization program for the professional and SOHO market. With an installed base of more than 100,000 professional modules, mb Software's products are used in more than thirty countries. mb Software employs more than 600 professionals and offers more than 50 products.

For more information go to http://www.mb-software.de on the web.

About softTECH GmbH

softTECH GmbH is a subsidiary of mb Software AG. softTECH was founded in 1985 and originally licensed DataCAD source code to develop SPIRIT, a high-end architectural CADD program designed for the German market. In 1990 softTECH became the market leader, and has more than 20,000 installations. SPIRIT is a scalable CADD system with many additional modules such as city planning, structural analysis, and photogrammetry.

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