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Autodesk Founder Invests \$2 Million in Cadkey, Funds its European Operations

Windsor, CT -- October 18 -- Cadkey, Inc., a leading provider of computer-aided design (CAD) software on PCs and workstations, has received a \$2 million investment from Rudolf Kunzli, an Autodesk founder and former vice president of its European operations.

Kunzli, who retired from Autodesk in 1990, purchased shares of stock in Cadkey, a privately-held company, and will become a member of its Board of Directors. As part of the agreement, Kunzli has capitalized one of his privately-held companies, SKW, which will merge with Cadkey to become Cadkey Europe AG, based in Switzerland.

Cadkey Seizes Pricing and Distribution Initiatives

"After reviewing Cadkey's technologies and future plans, I believe the company is ready to take a leadership position in the CAD market worldwide," said Kunzli. "The winners will be those companies which bring new technologies to market fast, break the price-performance barriers of mainstream CAD products, and offer integrated suites of quality software systems customized for local markets."

Cadkey Drafter Suites European Market

Kunzli added, "Just as Autodesk defined the CAD market in the 1980s through innovative pricing and distribution, so Cadkey has taken the initiative in the 1990s to redefine CAD pricing and distribution policies." Kunzli pointed to Cadkey's DRAFTER product, a full-featured CAD system one third the price of AutoCAD, as "establishing new standards of value. It will become a major force in Europe." A multiple-language version of CADKEY DRAFTER EC will be introduced in November and the company will continue to sell through its existing distributors there, but they will be managed directly by Cadkey Europe. Cadkey has already launched CADKEY 6 in Europe.

Praise for Cadkey Windows, NT, Object-Oriented Technology Platforms

"Kunzli is one of the industry's best judges of technology," said Malcolm Davies, Cadkey president and chief executive officer. "Like us, he sees the potential of our totally new Windows and Windows NT Object Developer as one of the most significant developments in the PC segment of our industry. It is a credit to the people at Cadkey that he has chosen to invest in us and become one of our largest shareholders."

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Kunzli founded Autodesk Switzerland in 1982 as one of thirteen original Autodesk founders. He established CAD distribution in Western Europe, creating a \$60 million business.

Cadkey develops, manufactures, markets and supports a wide range of productivity enhancing computer-aided design and analysis software for PC platforms. Cadkey products are sold through a worldwide dealer network. The company has more than 110,000 installations in a dozen languages.