CATIA V5 TO SOLIDWORKS TRANSLATOR OF DATAKIT GOES GOLD

Santa Barbara, California, USA and Lyon, France - January 18th 2008 - **Datakit**, a Leading Cad Data Exchange Company, announced today that Datakit has achieved Gold Partner status with SolidWorks Corporation for the integration of **Catia V5 and SolidWorks 3D CAD software. This translator** Catia V5 to SolidWorks will be exhibited at SolidWorks World 2008 in San Diego, California, Jan. 20-23, booth 825

The product, one of the favourite of the community, was enhanced to meet the certified Gold products criteria supplied by SolidWorks. The product is stable and was successfully tested with SolidWorks 2008.

This converter enables users to benefit their usual SolidWorks environment to transfer a wealth of Catia V5 (including R18) native data: 2D, 3D, geometric, topological, attributes, … with a wide choice of control parameters addressing specific user needs (choice of layers, entity filtering) and advanced functionalities such as write analysis surface, write all bodies in a single part or search missing files.

It has been designed specifically for the integration with SolidWorks software. It uses same graphic and display as SolidWorks, its help feature is conformed to SolidWorks', and both products run on the same operating system. It is fully Windows compliant. Catia V5 to SolidWorks operates directly on SolidWorks geometry and all conversion of all .CATPart and .CATProduct.

As requested by SolidWorks, industrial companies verified the quality, the integration level and benefits of the converter. They were impressed by the user friendliness and the transparency of the converter, all the more as the results of conversions are immediate and complete, even if it deals with transfer of big assemblies containing lots of parts and the corresponding machining setup with all the surrounding fixtures. There is no blip in the process or misinterpretation of the original data.

SolidWorks Corporation's final review ensures that appropriate levels of support are available and that Datakit intends to regularly update and upgrade the product.

The product is customised in English and Datakit intends to distribute it in close relationships with its worldwide network of resellers. As Francis Cadin declares, "We were really satisfied to get the chance to go Gold before SolidWorks World 2008. Our resellers looked for this agreement for a long time and we are happy to match their needs. It is a great deal to become Gold and we all are convinced that this agreement in addition to the unique depth of capability of this tool will definitively make the difference to our customers."

Brendan Walsh of Unified CAD, the primary distributor for Datakit in North America says, "Achieving SolidWorks Gold certification is a crucial milestone for Datakit. Datakit continues its dedication to providing the most comprehensive and cost effective solution for both end users and partners. I look forward to bringing this solution to market, as demand for this complete solution continues to grow."

For more information, visit Datakit web site: www.datakit.com