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Icona Solutions announces new CATIA V5 Interface Module for its aesthetica manufacturing variation visualization software.

New module aids automotive design process through the efficient and reliable transfer of product model data from CATIA V5 directly into aesthetica.

Manchester, UK. Xx January, 2007. – Icona Solutions Ltd., developers of aesthetica™, the unique CAE software product for interactively visualizing the impact of manufacturing variation on the aesthetic quality of product assemblies, has announced the availability of a new aesthetica/CATIA V5 Interface Module. It enables the efficient and reliable transfer of product model data from Dassault Systèmes' CATIA V5 CAD/CAM/CAE software environment directly into the aesthetica environment, where it can be used in manufacturing variation studies.

The new module can be installed on standard CATIA V5 configurations to provide users with additional export options from within the CATIA V5

environment. Using a new, lightweight file format it enables the export of complete product assemblies, including all 3D solid and surface geometry, directly into aesthetica Version 2.3 (and above), while preserving the CATIA V5 product information, assembly structure and geometry.

“This new aesthetica interface module for CATIA V5 answers our customers’ needs for an integrated, fast and reliable mechanism for directly transferring product model data from CATIA V5 to aesthetica without using third-party translators or alternative file formats,” said Dr. John Maxfield, technical director, Icona Solutions Ltd. “This capability preserves the integrity of the data and enables tight integration of aesthetica into the CATIA V5 environment, leading to more efficient processes, better designs and higher product quality.”

“Icona Solutions joined the Dassault Systèmes CAA V5 Adopters Program in February 2006 in order to deliver integrated solutions to our CATIA-based customers,” explained Dr. David Belford, executive chairman, Icona Solutions Ltd. “The release of this new interface module demonstrates our ongoing commitment to this strategy.”

About Icona Solutions Ltd.

Based in Manchester, United Kingdom, Icona Solutions Ltd. has pioneered the new technology of visualizing the impact of manufacturing variation. This new technology enables product designers and engineers to identify – and thereby resolve - aesthetic issues at an early stage in the design-to-manufacturing cycle.

Based on ground-breaking research that commenced in 1997, Icona Solutions’ aesthetica software product gives greater insight than has previously been possible into the impact of manufacturing variation on the aesthetic quality of product assemblies, thereby saving time and improving communication in the design process and improving perceived quality in the finished product.

Icona Solutions provides a high level of customer service through its worldwide network of carefully selected, exclusive value-added resellers and is adding value to the product development processes of an increasing number of automotive OEMs and their Tier 1 suppliers.

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