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Matrox Parhelia™ graphics cards now exclusively bundling TORNADO Technologies' AEC|VIZ™ 3D visualization and communication software

Offering tools for increased productivity and visualization, Parhelia is a prime graphics solution for AutoCAD® users

Montreal, Canada, September 13th, 2002 — Matrox Graphics Inc., the leading manufacturer of professional graphics solutions, and TORNADO Technologies Inc., an innovator and leading provider of collaborative 3D visualization and communication software, are pleased to announce a strategic partnership that delivers unprecedented performance and productivity gains to AutoCAD® users exclusively with the Matrox Parhelia™ graphics card. The partnership was formed to provide the optimal combination of leading graphics card technology and vital 3D visualization tools that are focused on the unique needs of Autodesk®'s AutoCAD community.

"Our relationship with Matrox is based on a strategic initiative and common vision that has resulted in a direct benefit to the AutoCAD user's productivity, both in terms of performance and 3D content communication," said Dominique Gatto, Founder and CEO, TORNADO Technologies Inc. *"We are committed to working closely with Matrox Graphics, and are pleased to have AEC|VIZ™ bundled with Parhelia to create such a compelling hardware/software combination for the AEC market."*

The only graphics card capable of simultaneously accelerating 3D across three displays from a single chip, Parhelia offers increased productivity with Surround Design. AutoCAD users can now benefit from the productivity gains of increased desktop real estate, which significantly reduces the need to minimize important applications in order to work on others, and makes it possible to have a different view port open on each display. Surround Design makes using an AutoCAD viewer appealing to designers as they can leave it open on one display, while running AutoCAD projects on the other two, thus increasing productivity. With the bundled AEC|VIZ for Parhelia, a combination of AEC|VIZ and VIZ|Link, which is an integration module for AutoCAD, Parhelia bridges the gap between the design and corporate environments by providing designers with a hassle-free way to package AutoCAD content to be shared with others, such as management, clients or partners, via email, without having to leave their AutoCAD session.

"The Matrox Parhelia offers the most unique and comprehensive solution for demanding design professionals in the AEC market," said Alain Thiffault, Global Software Product Manager, Matrox Graphics Inc. *"Features such as Surround Design, which is indispensable to those working in Multiple Document Interface (MDI) environments, hardware vector antialiasing, unparalleled image quality, 10-bit GigaColor Technology and AEC|VIZ for Parhelia, along with benefits such as reliability and excellent performance, make Parhelia an attractive offering for AutoCAD users."*

AEC|VIZ for Parhelia provides a comprehensive toolset for rapid 3D content exploration, which functions seamlessly and interactively with the following AutoCAD-based products: Autodesk Building Mechanical 2, Autodesk Map 5, Autodesk Architectural Desktop 3.3, Autodesk Mechanical Desktop 6, Autodesk Land Desktop 3 and Autodesk Architectural Studio 2. This unique independent viewer, optimized specifically for Parhelia, allows Parhelia users to work more efficiently with AutoCAD and AutoCAD-based products, thanks to its intuitive interface, which lets users navigate through, manipulate and quickly update their 3D view of AutoCAD content, and increases productivity by enabling much faster display of large design models. Using AutoCAD's 'cutting planes' feature, for instance, users can effortlessly slice through an object within Parhelia's bundled AEC|VIZ toolset and have the desired view quickly updated in AutoCAD. VIZ|Link, AEC|VIZ's tight plug-in integration with AutoCAD, installs automatically for Matrox users, thus fully complementing Parhelia's excellent 3D graphics performance and optimized driver for AutoCAD.

Pricing and Availability

Parhelia graphics cards, with 128MB of memory and featuring Surround Design, sell for US \$399 ESP. For information on how to purchase one, please call Matrox sales at 800-361-1408. AEC|VIZ (which sells as a stand-alone application for US \$195 SRP) and VIZ|Link (which sells as an AEC|VIZ module for US \$95 SRP) are available to Parhelia customers free of charge from <http://www.matrox.com/mga>.

About Matrox Graphics Inc.

Matrox Graphics Inc, the leading manufacturer of professional graphics solutions, has been delivering high-quality, innovative 2D/3D and video graphics accelerators for more than a quarter century. Pioneer of the trend-setting DualHead® technology, Matrox is a graphics chip designer and board manufacturer whose products have been awarded over 1,000 times worldwide for their superior image quality, practical ingenuity and unwavering stability. In July 2002, Matrox was elected as a voting member of the OpenGL® Architecture Review Board (ARB). A privately held company headquartered in Montreal, Canada, Matrox has international offices in the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Information on Matrox products, drivers, technical support and more can be found at: www.matrox.com/mga.

About TORNADO Technologies Inc.

TORNADO Technologies Inc. develops and markets collaborative 3D visualization and communication software that enable global industrial corporations to realize extended productivity advantages from their digital design content. The company is dedicated to the application of its groundbreaking 3D technology for the unfettered communication of complex 3D content by all users, whether they are technical professionals or not, and on any existing desktop or Web-based environment. With all previously unbreakable 3D content communication barriers removed, users can easily access, utilize and communicate 3D content for increased productivity and faster decision-making throughout the enterprise. TORNADO Technologies' worldwide operations are based in Montreal, Canada with a European subsidiary located in Nice, France. Further information on the company and the AEC|VIZ product line can be found at: www.tornadoviz.com

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