



## SOFiSTiK AG Announces Support for AutoCAD 2006

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### SOFiCAD 16.4 Supports Civil and Structural Engineers Throughout the World

NUREMBERG, Germany, March 15, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- SOFiSTiK AG, today announced support for AutoCAD(R) 2006 next generation design software from Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK), the world's leading software and services company for the building, manufacturing, infrastructure, digital media and wireless data services fields. AutoCAD 2006 software allows users to create, manage and share design information faster, to compete and win.

SOFiSTiK, an Autodesk authorized developer, offers specialized modules for construction and reinforcement drawings to be used in bridge, tunnel and building design. The company's software also supports complex reinforcement technologies like BAMTEC(R). SOFiSTiK's latest release, SOFiCAD 16.4, adds a complete set of special objects and commands that enable engineers to analyze, design and draft structures of all types. Taking advantage of new features in AutoCAD 2006, such as the "Heads-Up Design" and tool palette interface, SOFiCAD automates a host of mundane tasks, enabling engineers to concentrate on technical detail and finite element analysis. SOFiCAD 16.4 is more flexible than ever before, especially in the support of international standards and codes.

"SOFiSTiK software provides the precision that civil engineers need when planning highly visible, multi-stage projects," said John Sanders, vice president of Autodesk's Platform Technology Group. "The combined AutoCAD/SOFiCAD solution can save valuable time and materials."

"With AutoCAD 2006, Autodesk has made a globally-recognized platform even better," said Thomas Fink, CEO of SOFiSTiK AG. "I am convinced that the new Heads-Up Design interface alone justifies an upgrade to AutoCAD 2006. Overlaid with our special know-how in structural engineering and reinforcement technology, AutoCAD and SOFiCAD offer an unbeatable combination to structural engineers worldwide."

#### About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is wholly focused on ensuring that great ideas are turned into reality. With six million users, Autodesk is the world's leading software and services company for the building, manufacturing, infrastructure, digital media and wireless data services fields. Autodesk's solutions help customers create, manage and share their digital assets more effectively. As a result, customers turn ideas into competitive advantage by becoming more productive, streamlining project efficiency, and maximizing profits.

Founded in 1982, Autodesk is headquartered in San Rafael, California. For additional information about Autodesk, please visit [www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com).

The Autodesk Developer Network (ADN) is comprised of more than 2500 technology partners around the world that extend Autodesk solutions to meet the industry-specific needs of customers. New 2006-compatible applications from ADN partners are launched every day at: [www.autodesk.com/partnerproducts](http://www.autodesk.com/partnerproducts).

#### About SOFiSTiK

AGSOFiSTiK, based in Nuremberg/Germany, is a leading provider of CAD and FEA solutions for the building and construction industry. More than 5,000 users rely on SOFiSTiK's modules like "SOFiCAD RC/Formwork" and its advanced FEA-solutions for bridge, tunnel, and building design. For more information on SOFiSTiK and its line of CAD/FEA-solutions for the building and construction industry, please visit [www.sofistik.com](http://www.sofistik.com) or contact us at +49 (911) 399010. Email: [info@sofistik.com](mailto:info@sofistik.com).

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