



Autodesk and GlobalSpec Improve Customers' Collaboration on Design and Specification

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Strategic Partnership Expands Users' On-Demand Access to Industry Resources Via Autodesk Design Review

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. and TROY, N.Y., March 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. and GlobalSpec, Inc. today announced a strategic partnership that will enhance recently announced Autodesk Design Review 2008 software to include on-demand access to GlobalSpec's extensive product and information services. By connecting specification and procurement decisions more directly to core design tasks, the companies are helping to streamline and redefine the design process.

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Autodesk Design Review 2008, the company's advanced DWF-based review and markup tool for project teams, will include seamless access to GlobalSpec search capabilities. Project team members such as manufacturing and quality engineers, production planners, suppliers and customers who use Autodesk Design Review to review CAD drawings or models will benefit from the advanced content features of SpecSearch, GlobalSpec's trademarked search technology.

"We are very pleased to partner with GlobalSpec," said Kevin Wandryk, senior director, Extended Design Group, Autodesk. "Together, we're helping our customers extract even greater value from the rich detail present in 3D design information, by better connecting design to procurement for streamlined production, improved decision making and faster time to market."

Today, Autodesk Inventor software users can publish a DWF file and securely share rich design information such as bill of materials, part numbers, manufacturer and other information. By launching an Internet search of GlobalSpec content from within Autodesk Design Review 2008, extended team members such as purchasing agents can leverage this information provided by the Inventor user, and make better-informed decisions, boost product quality, time to market and profitability.

"Together, Autodesk and GlobalSpec are providing the industry with the potential for greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness," said Guy Maser, senior vice president of marketing, GlobalSpec. "With the combination of design information captured by DWF technology and exhaustive resources from GlobalSpec, customers will save time and money by locating the suppliers who have the parts that they need -- without ever leaving the design itself."

About GlobalSpec, Inc.

GlobalSpec, Inc. is the leading specialized vertical search, information services and e-publishing company serving the engineering, technical and industrial communities. GlobalSpec users benefit from domain-expert search engines, a broad range of proprietary and aggregated Web-based content and 55 product-centric e-newsletters -- helping them search for and locate products and services, learn about suppliers and access comprehensive technical content. SpecSearch, GlobalSpec's trademarked search technology, allows users to search by specification more than 166 million parts in 2.1 million product families from more than 21,000 supplier catalogs. For suppliers, GlobalSpec offers highly filtered sales and marketing opportunities, product promotion and brand advertising platforms, and a wide range of e-media advertising and marketing solutions. For more information, visit <http://www.globalspec.com> .

About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is the world leader in 2D and 3D design software for the manufacturing, building and construction, and media and entertainment markets. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk has developed the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art digital prototyping solutions to help customers experience their ideas before they are real. Fortune 1000 companies rely on Autodesk for the tools to visualize, simulate and analyze real-world performance early in the design process to save time and money, enhance quality and foster innovation. For additional information about Autodesk, visit www.autodesk.com .

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