Move to 3D, BIM Adoption and Sustainable Design Drive 100 Percent Increase in Revit Seats in Past Year

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Revit Platform for Building Information Modeling Achieves 200,000 Seat Milestone; AutoCAD Architecture Seats Pass Half Million

SAN ANTONIO, AIA 2007 National Convention and Design Exposition, May 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that it has sold more than 200,000 seats of its Revit software platform for building information modeling (BIM), representing a 100% increase in seats over the past year. The dramatic growth in adoption of the Revit BIM platform stems from the increasing pressure faced by architects, designers and engineers to raise productivity and improve coordination across the design team. Using Revit, firms can respond to client demand for more sustainable buildings by producing digital models that can be used to predict and analyze building performance and energy usage. Additionally, Autodesk also announced that it has sold more than 500,000 seats worldwide of AutoCAD Architecture software (formerly Autodesk Architectural Desktop), its 2D AutoCAD-based solution for architects.

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"Achieving the milestones of 200,000 and 500,000 seats for Revit and AutoCAD Architecture is proof that the industry is rapidly moving to BIM, while continuing to benefit from well-established drawing-based processes," said Jay Bhatt, senior vice president of Autodesk AEC Solutions. "Doubling the number of Revit seats in a single year demonstrates the tremendous value architects, structural engineers and mechanical/electrical/plumbing (MEP) engineers have realized by moving to BIM."

The Revit platform is Autodesk's purpose-built solution for BIM -- the creation and use of coordinated, consistent and computable information about a building project. Such information is crucial to more efficient design decision making, precise construction document production, performance predictions, cost estimations and construction planning, as well as managing and operating facilities. At the core of the Revit platform, a powerful parametric change engine automatically helps coordinate all changes across design, documentation and analyses. The Revit platform can keep information coordinated, up-to-date and accessible in an integrated digital environment, giving architects, engineers, builders and owners a clear overall vision of all their projects, as well as aiding their ability to make better decisions faster.

Autodesk's AEC Solutions span the building industry, offering a complete portfolio of leading-edge technologies for architecture; structural, civil and MEP engineering; construction, collaborative project management (CPM) and facilities management. Its design visualization solutions including Autodesk 3ds Max, Autodesk VIZ and Autodesk Impression software can be used in combination with the design authoring tools for conceptual exploration, design validation and visual communication.

Autodesk Developer Network Spurs Momentum

To date, more than 150 third-party applications that enhance and extend the functionality of the Revit platform and AutoCAD Architecture have been developed through the Autodesk Developer Network (ADN). ADN is comprised of more than 2,700 technology partners around the world that extend Autodesk solutions to meet customers' industry-specific needs. ADN members deliver software and services to meet a variety of industry- or country-specific building requirements, including planning, estimation and scheduling, structural analysis, building performance analysis, 3D content and more. As a result, firms in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific can access a broad range of fully integrated architectural solutions from Autodesk and its global set of partners. For additional information about ADN, visit www.autodesk.com/adn.

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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