



Autodesk Brings More Effective Project Information Management to the German Building Industry With the Buzzsaw Project Collaboration Service

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New German Language Version of the Leading Online Project

Collaboration Service Targets the US\$200 Billion
German Construction Market

Capitalizing on its strength in delivering effective building products and services to a global economy, Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq:ADSK) today announced the availability of Autodesk(R) Buzzsaw(TM) online project collaboration service in the German language. Buzzsaw helps entire project teams, including owners and developers, with overall building management. With the introduction of a local language version of the Buzzsaw service, Autodesk is ideally positioned to make quick inroads into German building construction market, the largest in Europe with an annual spend of US\$200 billion. In addition to Germany, Autodesk introduced local language versions of Buzzsaw this year in Japan and Korea.

Germany-based construction firm, Anton Steinecker Maschinenfabrik (GmbH,) uses Autodesk Buzzsaw to manage the expansion and modernization of three micro brewery plants in Mexico. As a result of using Buzzsaw for communication with the international project team, the company has experienced tremendous cost savings. "The significant time delay in transmitting planning data, especially with international projects, disappears entirely, while it is nevertheless assured that every project participant has the most up-to-date planning data available at any time," said Wilhelm Heine, project leader of plant construction at Anton Steinecker Maschinenfabrik. "The activities of the participants documented in the "Activity Log" are a big advantage for the project leadership and valuable reasoning support in case of conflict resolution."

Online Collaboration for Effective Building Management

The Autodesk Buzzsaw online project collaboration service enables building professionals to save time and potentially increase profitability throughout the entire lifecycle of a building -- design, construction, and ongoing facility management. By enabling the storage and sharing of the latest project information in one, secure location that can be accessed anytime and anywhere, Buzzsaw is helping to reduce critical cycle times and errors, and increase team accountability and control.

Since its introduction in 1999, the Buzzsaw service has been adopted by building teams throughout the United States and abroad, helping them to mitigate fragmentation issues in the building industry that drive up business costs. Companies around the world that currently use Buzzsaw for managing global project teams include AREP (Amenagement, Recherche, Pole d'Echanges); Ellerbe Becket, Hellmuth Obata & Kassabaum (HOK), Inc.; Lockwood Greene, Maeda Corporation; Safeway Stores, plc.; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM); Takenaka Corporation; The Walt Disney Company; Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo; Wyndham International; and Zaha Hadid.

"We believe the combination of high construction activity and an increase in information technology activity among building professionals in Germany will make Buzzsaw a popular service to help project teams communicate and manage information," said Chris Bradshaw, vice president of Autodesk Building Collaboration Services. "The strong integration with AutoCAD(R) software and other Autodesk building products makes Buzzsaw a natural fit for global usage."

Product Availability and Support

The German language version of Autodesk Buzzsaw is available today. Companies can learn more about the local language version as well as consulting services by visiting the local website at www.autodesk.de/buzzsaw. Alternatively, in the U.S., those interested can visit the product site at www.autodesk.com/collaborate.

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