

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

On August 27, 2007 Autodesk announced the acquisition of PlassoTech, a California-based software company. PlassoTech is a developer of analysis and simulation software for the mechanical design market that allows engineers to perform design validations and optimizations on parts and assemblies.

### **GENERAL**

#### **Q1. What is being announced?**

A1. Autodesk has finalized the acquisition of PlassoTech. PlassoTech is a developer of analysis and simulation software for the mechanical design market. The company creates software that allows engineers to perform design validations and optimizations on parts and assemblies that give them results based on real-world structural and thermal conditions. The software is built to simplify and accelerate the process of performing these complex finite element analysis (FEA) calculations.

#### **Q2. When was PlassoTech founded and who are the founders?**

A2. PlassoTech was founded in 2002 by Dr. Yuri Kizimovich and Dr Tomi Mossessian, who acted as CTO and Chairman of the Board and CEO and President respectively. Both founders will join Autodesk.

#### **Q3. What was the purchase price of PlassoTech?**

A3. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

#### **Q4. What does Autodesk want to achieve with this acquisition?**

A4. Autodesk is committed to delivering the most comprehensive Digital Prototyping solution in the industry. With the PlassoTech acquisition we have the opportunity to further integrate simulation tools with advanced analysis functionality, superior ease-of-use and performance into our Inventor product line. The additional analysis functionality along with the existing motion simulation tools will make it possible for engineers to further optimize and validate a digital prototype before the product is built.

#### **Q5. Are PlassoTech products still available for purchase?**

A5. No. Autodesk will discontinue all PlassoTech products immediately and focus our efforts on our integration of the technology into the Autodesk Inventor product line.

### **Company Organization**

#### **Q6. Will PlassoTech report into an existing organization within Autodesk or will it be a stand-alone business unit?**

A6. PlassoTech staff will join Autodesk Manufacturing Solutions and Autodesk's intention is to integrate the PlassoTech technology into the Inventor product line.

**Q7. Will PlassoTech staff join Autodesk?**

A7. Yes. PlassoTech has less than 10 staff and almost all employees will join the Autodesk Manufacturing Solutions.

**PRODUCTS / SOLUTIONS**

**Q8. How does PlassoTech fit with other Autodesk products?**

A8. The acquisition of PlassoTech products and technology will round out the FEA capabilities already found in the Inventor product line, allowing customers to perform a complete analysis on assemblies. The incorporation of the PlassoTech technology demonstrates our on-going commitment to provide a comprehensive Digital Prototyping solution and simplify the process of complex design and validation tasks.

**Q9. What products did PlassoTech make?**

A9. PlassoTech's flagship product, 3G.author, was a stand-alone suite of tools that provided comprehensive part and assembly FEA capabilities. It allowed users to conduct performance analysis in categories like linear static stress, steady state thermal, thermal stress, modal and frequency analysis, optimization and buckling. It also included advanced functionalities to test dynamic stress, transient thermal, as well as large deformation analysis of solid and shell models with various contact conditions (non-linear FEA).

**Q10. When will the PlassoTech technology be fully integrated into Inventor?**

A10. Product development teams are developing a comprehensive product integration plan. Information on products and announcements can be found at [www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com).

**CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS**

**Q11. Will Autodesk continue to support existing PlassoTech customers?**

A11. PlassoTech subscription customers will continue to be supported by Autodesk for the life of their subscription contract. They may contact Autodesk directly at [plassotechsupport@autodesk.com](mailto:plassotechsupport@autodesk.com).

**Q12. Will there be a transition plan for the PlassoTech customers?**

A12. Yes, Autodesk will communicate directly with customers to outline a transition plan.

**Q13. How does the acquisition of PlassoTech impact Autodesk channel partners?**

A13. There will be no impact on Autodesk channel partners.

**Q14. What companies use PlassoTech products and what markets to they serve?**

A14. Hundreds of companies globally in industrial machinery, transportation, consumer products and building and plant equipment use PlassoTech technology including: Innoventa LLC, Jupp Associates Ltd., Mammoth Inc., Microheat, OSSTEM Co., Ltd, Pentax, Rinehart Motion Systems, LLC, Sejong Industrial Company Ltd, Subaru Telescope, Telops and Tokyo Electron Limited.

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