

## **Autodesk Acquisition of Robobat Close – Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **1. What was announced?**

On January 15, 2008, Autodesk announced that it has completed the acquisition of Robobat, a privately held company based in Grenoble, France, that provides analysis, design, and steel and concrete detailing software for the structural engineering industry.

### **2. Why is Autodesk acquiring Robobat?**

The acquisition of Robobat fulfills an important component of Autodesk's vision for building information modeling (BIM), an integrated process built on coordinated, reliable information about a project that can be used from design through construction and into operation. Through the acquisition of Robobat, Autodesk plans to develop solutions for structural analysis and detailing that leverage the information at the heart of BIM from design to fabrication.

### **3. What happens next in the integration process?**

For the near future, Robobat products will continue to be sold by the existing Robobat sales teams and channel partners. Over time, Autodesk will integrate Robobat technology into Autodesk structural engineering products such as Revit Structure and the AutoCAD Revit Structure Suite, and the Robobat products will be marketed under the Autodesk brand. Those Robobat employees transferring to Autodesk will be integrated into the relevant Autodesk organizations in comparable roles.

### **4. How will this acquisition benefit Autodesk customers?**

The acquisition complements and expands Autodesk's offerings to the structural engineering market. As a result, Autodesk structural engineering customers will benefit from a more complete offering for both BIM and AutoCAD-based documentation productivity.

### **5. I am a Robobat customer. Who will support my products?**

Robobat customers will continue to be supported by the same organizations that currently support them from France and Poland. Customers in some countries will continue be supported by their local reseller and/or direct telephone and e-mail support from Poland.

### **6. Will all existing Robobat products continue to be available and supported?**

Yes. Autodesk currently plans to continue to offer and support the products that Robobat has developed. Over time, we do expect some changes to the product line.

### **7. What are Autodesk's future plans for the Robobat product line?**

Autodesk looks forward to growing the Robobat product line together with Autodesk Revit Structure into an increasingly complete set of well-integrated solutions for structural engineering, while introducing the power of Robobat to new audiences globally.

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