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xPLM Solution to Acquire cae consulting

Expanding its integration portfolio by acquiring cae consulting, xPLM Solution becomes a leading supplier of integrations between PLM, ERP and engineering tools (ECAD, MCAD and software development applications)

Dresden, Germany – December 16, 2010 – xPLM Solution GmbH, today announced the acquisition of cae consulting GmbH, a leading supplier of PLM integration solutions for electrical, electronic and software engineering applications. For 24 years, cae consulting has been developing innovative integration solutions between industry leading computer-aided engineering, PLM and ERP applications. Among its customers are international companies from the automotive, aerospace and other manufacturing industries.

This merger expands xPLM Solution's already robust suite of Mechanical Computer Aided Design (MCAD), Digital Mockup and MS-Office application integrations to PLM and ERP solutions, with industry leading Electrical and Electronic CAD (ECAD) and software development applications. xPLM Solution will now be able to provide manufacturing companies a single source for a complete suite of integration solutions and extensive services for mechanical, electronic, firmware and computer applications.

"The acquisition of cae consulting significantly strengthens our range of integration solutions and also our development and consulting teams. The increased know-how, intellectual property and the resulting synergies mean that we are now better equipped to offer integrations in the ECAD, MCAD, ERP and PLM environment that fully satisfy the increasing requirements for the development of mechatronic systems¹ by many leading manufacturers today," said Charly Wachtel, Managing Director of xPLM Solution. "Our PLM partners including Oracle, SAP, Aras, SolidWorks, Infor and Siemens also will significantly benefit from these expanded integration capabilities."

"Together with xPLM Solution, we have executed many customer projects, we share many of the same business partners and we leverage many of the same technologies. We have also known some of their employees for more than 15 years now. I am convinced that the merger of our two companies will not only secure the continuity and the quality of our solutions and project work but will improve them," said Sven Rau, Managing Director of cae consulting.

The acquisition is to be completed by January 1, 2011. xPLM Solution will continue to operate cae consulting's facilities in Sexau, Germany and its customers will be cared for by their familiar and existing support and service specialists. Sven Rau will serve as a management consultant to xPLM Solution.

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xPLM Solution with headquarters in Dresden, Germany, specializes in providing integration solutions and deployment services to the PLM industry. xPLM Solution develops integrations between the leading PLM, CAD, ERP, DMU, Office and data exchange applications providing the prerequisites for carrying out successful PLM projects. The xPLM Solution team has more than 25 years' experience in the area of integration development and is at the forefront of the development and deployment of robust, multi-functional CAD, PLM and ERP integrations. xPLM Solution is an official solution partner to Oracle, SAP, Aras, Siemens, Infor and SolidWorks.



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¹ Mechatronic systems are systems comprised of mechanical, electrical/electronic and software components.