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PDES, Inc. Congratulates ISO TC 184/SC 4 on winning the prestigious Eicher award

Charleston, SC (February 18th, 2008) – PDES, Inc. is pleased to congratulate ISO/TC 184/SC 4 for receiving the prestigious Lawrence D. Eicher Leadership Award at the 30th ISO General Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland. This yearly award, which represents superior leadership and innovation, is described by ISO for “the achievements of an international team of standards developers in facilitating the exchange of industrial data between disparate computer systems.”

The award was presented to the Chair of ISO/TC 184/SC 4, Mr. Howard Mason from BAE Systems. Mr. Mason, who is also the Treasurer of PDES, Inc. comments, “This is the only award that ISO makes for its technical work - a sort of Nobel Prize for standardization. It was presented at the ISO General Assembly in Geneva in front of over 400 delegates from 125 countries. It is a tremendous tribute to all the experts who have contributed their time and effort to the development and deployment of the SC4 standards. Previous winners include the committees responsible for MPEG, ISO 9000, the oil and gas industry standards (TC67) and the shipping group (TC8)”.

"This recognition by ISO is timely", said Dr. Vijay Srinivasan, PLM Chief Standards and Solutions Officer in the IBM Software Group, "Our customers depend on the ISO STEP implementation in the Computer Aided Design and Product Data Management systems we provide. In addition, the STEP standards play an important role in the enterprise-wide integration of engineering and business information systems using service-oriented architecture."

“STEP has been an integral part of our business and we are glad to see the recognition by ISO,” said Dr. Mike Jahadi, Senior Manager CAD/CAM Integration & Strategic Planning at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, and President of the PDES, Inc. Executive Board. “This recognition validates our commitment to the standards community and the extensive work that was put in place toward the development and implementation of the STEP standard. In addition, it gives us confidence that we have been on the right track. We have a strong investment in the development and implementation of the STEP standard, and it has helped our relationship with our customer, team members and suppliers.”

Members of PDES, Inc. have invested nearly one million hours contributing to the development and trials of many of the SC4 product data standards, which are known generally as ISO 10303, or STEP—the international STandard for the Exchange of Product data.

"STEP has been the foundation for the Rockwell Collins' Model Based Manufacturing strategy, ensuring integration and interoperability of information and tools", said Jack Harris, Director of Advanced Manufacturing for Rockwell Collins and General Manager of PDES Inc. "This award acknowledges the importance of the STEP standards to the international community, and is well deserved recognition to a team that has contributed countless hours in the development of such meaningful standards."

PDES, Inc. is an international consortium of industry, government, and academic organizations working to accelerate the exploitation of product information standards in support of the model-based enterprise. PDES, Inc. industry members—which include AIRBUS, BAE Systems, Boeing, Electric Boat, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and Rockwell Collins—

together represent over \$500 billion in annual revenue. The consortium's government and university associates (National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Archives and Records Administration, Sandia National Laboratories, U.S. Army, and Georgia Institute of Technology) enrich the consortium's capabilities with their expertise and unique perspective on user requirements and validity of solutions. Vendors of STEP-related software that are members of PDES, Inc. include Adobe Systems, CostVision, IBM, PTC, EPM Technology, Eurostep, International TechneGroup, LKSoft, and Theorem Solutions.

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