



ITW, Inc. Acquires Ameri-CAD, Inc.

Illinois Tool Works acquires Ameri-CAD architectural services and software division

Allen, Texas – August 10, 2007 – Illinois Tool Works, Inc (NYSE: ITW) acquired Texas based Ameri-CAD, Inc. The acquisition includes Ameri-CAD's architectural services division as well as software solutions VisionREZ & VUDOX.

"Illinois Tool Works acquisition of Ameri-CAD enables us to more quickly and effectively deliver on the promise of technology to a fragmented housing industry. Ameri-CAD's intelligent model based CAD software integrates and consolidates architectural, engineering and manufacturing data resulting in improved communication, and enhanced Return On Investment. We are very pleased to have access to Illinois Tool Works resources, construction related subsidiaries, and international reach to leverage Ameri-CAD to new levels of customer satisfaction." – Jimmy Moore, Ameri-CAD, Inc. - CEO

"Ameri-CAD's joining of forces with ITW will allow us to lead the housing industry into the next generation of execution through unifying residential architecture, engineering and manufacturing into one cohesive process" – Darwin Belt, Ameri-CAD, Inc. - President

"We welcome Ameri-CAD to the ITW family of businesses. Ameri-CAD will function as a separate Business Unit in the ITW Building Components Group," said Antonio Justice, ITW Building Components Group, Vice President. "ITW has home building products and services to deliver to the residential building process. Ameri-CAD has the VisionREZ software and Architectural Services to consolidate and streamline the fragmented residential industry. The combination can lead to a design innovation, where our software, services and products help customers experience what they are going to build before they build it."

About Illinois Tool Works, Inc.

A leading international business corporation with nearly 100 years of history, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (NYSE: ITW) is a diversified manufacturer of advanced industrial technology. A multibillion-dollar company, ITW today designs and manufactures fasteners and components, equipment and consumable systems and a variety of specialty products and equipment for customers around the world.

The 750 decentralized business units that comprise our international business corporation are located in 49 countries and employ approximately 55,000 men and women who are focused on creating value-added products and innovative customer solutions.

During its nearly 100 years of existence, ITW's recipe for success has been focused on creating value-added products for key customers around the world. We do this by growing our business and making acquisitions that provide additional product solutions to our customers.

Website: <http://www.itw.com/>

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About Ameri-CAD, Inc.

Synchronizing the Housing Industry - An industry that combines a variety of skills to create something as lasting as a home or building needs a special form of communication all its own. Builders, designers, architects, managers, estimators and contractors sharing the same vision should speak the same language – **The Language of Building®**.

Ameri-CAD has provided this language for product development through Autodesk® powered software-systems, and Architecture / Engineering / Construction services since 1989. **The Language of Building®** enhances the building process by generating data that can be shared in the internal enterprise and across cooperative networks. As these ideas move through development phases, they are distributed electronically for ease of analysis, feedback and distribution. Product development objectives are achieved through:

Integration – Creating vertical relationships among disparate elements of the product development cycle to improve efficiency.

Communication – Effectively capturing product data and conveying the information to the extended enterprise through the Internet.

Consolidation – generating ROI by bringing a fragmented industry together with a common language built on an industry standard drawing format.

The acquisition of Ameri-CAD by Illinois Tool Works adds exponentially to Ameri-CAD's capacity to deliver on the promise of technology to the housing industry.

Websites: <http://www.americad.com>
 <http://www.visionrez.com>
 <http://www.vudox.com>