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Precision Medical Inc. Decreases Project Cycle Time by Approximately 40%**By Pairing 3Dconnexion SpacePilot with 3D CAD software**

Company achieves competitive advantage and brings products to market faster than

competitors as a result of using 3Dconnexion navigation device

SAN JOSE, Calif. – October 3, 2006 – 3Dconnexion, a Logitech company, today announced that Precision Medical Inc., a leading manufacturer of respiratory products and developer of the "world's smallest" oxygen regulators, has decreased project cycle time by approximately 40 percent by using 3Dconnexion SpacePilot[®] navigation devices in conjunction with the company's 3D computer-aided design (CAD) software. Unlike those who work only with a mouse and keyboard, the engineers and designers from Precision Medical use their SpacePilot to pan, zoom, and rotate while simultaneously editing and annotating their designs with a mouse which significantly improves the speed of their design tasks. As a result, Precision Medical is able to devote more time to design testing, verification and improving product quality and still achieve a decrease in overall project cycle time.

"3Dconnexion navigation devices are, by far, the most ingenious devices I have ever used. Using my SpacePilot makes my job more enjoyable and the speed that I've gained is astounding. I have become a more efficient and proficient designer as a result," said Blair Hollshwandner, mechanical designer, Precision Medical, Inc. "Using our navigation device helps us make our design changes quicker and get our products to market faster than our competitors."

Precision Medical Inc., always challenged to compress the size of their designs and improve their instruments, has relied upon their 3Dconnexion navigation device in conjunction with their SolidWorks 3D CAD software to create products that are not only aesthetically pleasing but also highly durable and effective. For example, during the design phase of the company's innovative Portable Liquid Oxygen System, which included several complete product redesigns and six major design iterations in a

matter of just a few months, the company took advantage of the speed and productivity advantages delivered by their 3Dconnexion SpacePilot. Mechanical designers delivered changes with unanticipated speed and accuracy, helping them get their product to market faster than expected.

“The changes were not typical in our Portable Liquid Oxygen system project. It was the first time we made a product that used liquid oxygen and it was highly innovative,” said Hollshwandner. “Our 3Dconnexion navigation devices greatly improved our speed. There were a few times when the owners of our company asked me to make major changes before lunch and I had them done when they got back only an hour later. The ease at which I could navigate in 3D absolutely helped me achieve what would have once seemed an impossible turnaround.”

In 2002, Precision Medical introduced an oxygen conserving regulator called the Easy Pulse. It took the company two-and-a-half years to develop. More recently the company introduced its replacement product, the Easy Pulse 5, which is smaller, faster, and more reliable than the Easy Pulse and only took the company a year to develop from scratch. Hollshwandner credits the introduction and use of his 3Dconnexion navigation devices, in part, for the significant 60% design time savings. “We could not have developed the Easy Pulse 5 so quickly without the help of our 3Dconnexion navigation devices and our 3D CAD software.”

“While we’re delighted to hear customers echo what we know is true—that our devices substantially increase productivity and offer many other key benefits for design professionals, we are always humbled by the fact that leading companies like Precision Medical, which build such innovative, life-saving equipment, also rely on our devices to help them improve the quality of their products that have such a great impact on society,” said Rory Dooley, president of 3Dconnexion.

Next-Generation SpacePilot™ Navigation Device Offers Major Advantages

Hollshwandner started using 3Dconnexion's SpaceBall® one year after the company switched to 3D and since had upgraded to 3Dconnexion's latest navigation device, the SpacePilot. The SpacePilot, provides designers and engineers a better way to work within diverse visual environments and sub-environments. As a designer moves between CAD environments (for example, from sketch to modeling and then to assembly), the SpacePilot automatically detects the transitions, updates its function keys with the new commands, and displays them on its LCD screen. Default functions are provided for each major CAD or other visual computing environment. The SpacePilot keys may also be customized to correspond with keyboard commands.

The advanced sensing and adapting mechanism, combined with other SpacePilot functions—such as the “quick view” commands Top, Right, Left, Front, and Iso (executed at the touch of a button)—enhance workflows and make interaction with CAD software faster, easier, and more fun. The SpacePilot navigation device is available for purchase on 3Dconnexion's website, at [HYPERLINK "http://www.3dconnexion.com/products/3a.php"](http://www.3dconnexion.com/products/3a.php)

About 3Dconnexion

3Dconnexion, a Logitech Company, is the leading provider of input devices that enhance the user interface for professional applications in design (CAD/CAM/CAE), modeling, animation, and digital content creation. More than 350,000 designers, animators, and artists use 3Dconnexion's award-winning line of navigation devices, including SpacePilot, SpaceTraveler™, SpaceBall and SpaceMouse®.

3Dconnexion is headquartered in Silicon Valley, California, with offices in Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, London, Milan, Munich, Paris, Shanghai, Tokyo, and Wroclaw.

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