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Astroid 6000 spatial controller integrated into Solid Edge with a radical new Spatial User Interface (SUI)

Spatial Freedom Inc, today announced that its Astroid® 6000 spatial controller is now fully integrated into Solid Edge. The Astroid SUI, (Spatial User Interface) is being demonstrated at Solid Edge Summit this week and will be released to the market in October.

John Hilton, president of Spatial Freedom Inc, said:

“The combination of the Astroid, SUI, and Solid Edge delivers to CAD engineers a level of integration and new functionality that has never before been available in a spatial controller of any price.

“Engineers are now able to gain a greater understanding of their designs as they can literally get inside a part and look around using our new SUI technology. The benefit this offers is truly understood once they are able to experience the Astroid, SUI, and Solid Edge combination with their own 3D data.

“SUI also delivers a seamless interface with Solid Edge. Engineers can now define their center of motion, choose between object control mode and camera control mode and perform other critical 3D navigation task.

“We are pleased UGS has acknowledged the significance of the Astroid spatial controller for their customers by accepting Spatial Freedom as a Solid Edge Voyager Partner.

“The response to the recent release of the Astroid has been fantastic! Customers have been delighted with its quality and sensitivity. This new integration and functionality takes the Astroid to a level that I have always wanted to deliver to the market. Customers are astounded that we have achieved this at the US\$149 price. They are also pleased with the ease of our online ordering system.

“The endorsement by UGS is very gratifying as it gives the market confidence that a high quality spatial controller is now available at a realistic price,” said John Hilton

John Hilton is also the inventor of the Spaceball®, the first and, until the release of the Astroid 6000, most commercially successful spatial controller. The Astroid is the first phase of realizing his dream to see spatial controllers utilized in any area where people interact with 3D images.

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Notes to Editors

About Spatial Controllers

Spatial controllers are a type of 3D mouse with a spring mounted sensor that detects a 3D push and twist. The sensor is lightly held by a user's fingertips and is pushed and twisted in any 3D direction. The push and twist is commonly used to move and rotate an object around on the computer screen. Spatial controllers are also known as 3D motion controllers and 3D input devices.

About Spatial Freedom, Inc.

Spatial Freedom was founded by John Hilton, the inventor of the Spaceball, to commercialize his new spatial controller technology. His vision and desire to create a new generation low cost spatial controller for the CAD/CAM/CAE industry led to the development of the Orion™ technology and later the commercial development of the Astroid 6000, the first truly affordable spatial controller. For more information see www.spatialfreedom.com.

Customer endorsements.

Barry Bevis of Edge Software (www.edgesaustralia.com.au)

“Our organization has been using 3D motion control devices for several years and our engineers find the Astroid to be far superior in terms of sensitivity and ergonomics. We have many users needing a 3D motion control device and at one third the traditional cost, the Astroid is just unbeatable”,

Tim Duell of Buckeye Shapeform

“I like the motion of the Astroid. It is really smooth and takes very little touch to move, very sensitive, I like it. We are buying another one. My company would never have been able to outfit our engineering department with these types of controllers without the \$149 price. Thanks so much for your help.”

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