



PRESS RELEASE

The IGE+XAO Group announces a new partnership in Australia.

Toulouse, March 11th 2008 – The **IGE+XAO Group** announces the signature of a new partnership with the Australian company Desktop EDA. This Melbourne-based company, created in 1996, is specialized in software packages dedicated to Computer-Aided Design for electronics and mechanical industries. The product range includes, in particular, IDF Modeler, a software package allowing designing three-dimensional (3D) images of Printed Circuit Boards, as well as Elektracad, an electrical plan design package. IDF Modeler can easily exchange data with SolidWorks, Inventor and SolidEdge.

Through this new partnership, Elektracad users now have the opportunity to migrate to SEE Electrical, the IGE+XAO Group leading package at the international level. Available in three versions "Basic", "Standard" and "Advanced", SEE Electrical is the ideal tool, able to evolve according to customers needs. With SEE Electrical, Elektracad users will get access to advanced functionalities such as cabinet layout.

Within this partnership, Desktop EDA will distribute IGE+XAO Group products and services in Australia and New Zealand.

"This partnership is an excellent opportunity for the IGE+XAO Group. It will help us develop our business in Australia and New Zealand, a region in which we are not present for the time being" declared Alain Di Crescenzo, Chairman of the IGE+XAO Group.

Brian Watson, Desktop EDA CEO, declared: "We are confident that, for the Elektracad users, the IGE+XAO solution is a guarantee of durability. The idea of our next collaboration with the IGE+XAO teams fills us with enthusiasm."

ABOUT THE IGE+XAO GROUP:

For over 21 years, the **IGE+XAO Group** has been a software publisher designing, producing, selling and ensuring the maintenance of a range of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software. These Electrical CAD software applications have been designed to help manufacturers design and maintain the electrical section of any installation. **IGE+XAO** has built a complete range of Electrical CAD software applications designed for all industry fields. **IGE+XAO** products may either run on a stand-alone computer or be deployed on a network. The **IGE+XAO** Group has about 340 employees spread out in 21 locations and 14 countries. With more than 48,500 licenses sold throughout the world, **IGE+XAO** is a reference in its domain. For more information, visit <http://www.ige-xao.com>

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