

5DT <Fifth Dimension Technologies>

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5DT Opens United States Operations

5DT <Fifth Dimension Technologies>, a world pioneer in Virtual Reality [VR] peripherals and training systems, today announced the opening of its United States operations. Based in Silicon Valley, 5DT Inc. will act as master distributor for all the 5DT VR products (hardware and software) in the Americas. 5DT Inc. will sell to the 5DT distributors in the US, as well as to resellers and end-users. 5DT Inc. will provide support for all 5DT products. A local (US) development capability will also be developed.

“The United States is the biggest market in the world and most of our VR sales to date were into the US. Since 1994 we have sold more than 2000 5DT Data Gloves to US based customers. Most of these gloves are used in the animation industry. Unfortunately our US customers have sometimes been neglected in terms of support. **We intend to rectify this with the establishment of 5DT Inc.** Our new office in Silicon Valley is ideally positioned to serve our many animation customers in California.” said Paul Olckers, President and CEO of 5DT.

Jared Baer, newly appointed COO of 5DT Inc., will lead the US Operations. “I see this as the challenge of a lifetime. Until now, 5DT mostly focused on VR peripherals sales. We have a wealth of VR Training Simulators for High Voltage Power Yard Operation, High Voltage Line Inspection, Mechanized Coal Mining, Gastroscope and Bronchoscope Handling, Data Visualization, Air Traffic Control, Flight Visualization and Military Applications. These simulators will be promoted aggressively.” said Baer.

The opening of 5DT Inc. coincides with the release of several new 5DT VR hardware products.

The **5DT Head Mounted Display [HMD] series** offers the end-user affordable quality, high resolution (800x600 SVGA), a crisp image and superior sound quality packaged in a sleek, comfortable and extremely light headmount design. An immersive model provides for user-configurable immersion levels. A see-thru model allows the user to view projected images superimposed on his/her normal view of the outside world.

The **5DT Virtual Binoculars** is aimed at VR applications where binoculars are used to obtain magnified views. Examples are Ship-bridge simulators, Air Traffic Control [ATC] simulators, Observation Posts in military simulations and simulations where Laser Rangefinders are used.

The **5DT Data Glove 16** is (currently) a 14-sensor data glove that measures finger flexure (2 sensors per finger) as well as the abduction between fingers. It is a higher-end version of the 5DT Data Glove 5, which is used extensively in the animation industry. "Our objective with the 5DT Data Glove 16 is to provide higher-end performance without charging a hand, arm and a leg. The 5DT Data Glove 5 has become known for its affordability. We want to make high-end performance affordable with this product." said Paul Olckers.

5DT Inc. will also distribute VR products of other leading manufacturers and developers. "Our goal is to become the leading distributor of VR products in North America." said Jared Baer.

5DT is a world leader in the field of Virtual Reality. 5DT develops, produces and distributes virtual reality hardware and software systems. 5DT also develops turnkey projects for clients.

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