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The Board of Directors of INFUSION, the AISoftw@re industrial accelerator for contents technology and services for Internet, and Geosim Systems, the Israeli company specialized in 3D modelling of cities on Internet, where INFUSION holds a 15.79% investment, have approved the creation by the end of Q1 2001, of the first four Joint-Ventures, in Italy, UK, France and Germany.

INFUSION has also completed its agreed second stage of Geosim Systems financing with an investment of 1 million USD (1.052 Million Euro), increasing its shares in the company from 15.79% to 23.81%. Existing agreement allows INFUSION to increase further its investment up to 38,46%.

Creation of national Joint-Ventures between INFUSION and Geosim Systems is an option contemplated in the original agreement signed upon initial investment on June 2000.

INFUSION will also be in charge of the identification of the national partners of these companies, with a priority in the involvement of Telecom partners both in the fibre optics, or wireless UMTS high bandwidth segment. Initial investment for each of these companies is estimated in the order of 10 million USD (10.526 Million Euro).

"This first stage of international expansion of our investment, Geosim Systems" - said Prof. Francesco Gardin, President and CEO of INFUSION and AISoftw@re - "is part of the agreed plan among partners to develop the business internationally. The first technology development cycle of the development platform for the 3D city models is in an advanced stage near to completion. First modelling developments of the most important European cities could start as soon as second semester 2001." - Gardin also added - "our contribution, as AISoftw@re to the project will be in the areas of definition of the Internet delivery system architecture and in the design of the navigation and access interfaces to information."

"Our vision is to establish a global network of Virtual Cities on the Web, which will enable users to do photo-realistic 3D virtual walkthroughs in any major city around the world." - said Dr. Victor Shenkar, the Founder and CEO of GeoSim Systems - "This is certainly a very compelling capability. But more importantly, the number of commercial applications for such a capability is practically unlimited". - Shenkar also added - "We use the Downtown Ramat-Gan (Israel) model as our technology demonstrator. From there, we are moving to create the Downtown Philadelphia (US) model, and later this year the Milan (Italy) model will become available".

INFUSION

INFUSION is the industrial financial accelerator of AISoftw@re Group established to control the minority interests of the Group.

In line with AISoftw@re Group's strategy, the new financial vehicle will invest in advanced technology companies, focused at creating and delivering contents and services via Internet. The companies in which INFUSION will invest, will have the following feature:

- own proprietary technologies for the creation and delivery of contents and services via Internet;
- make use of technologies, products and resources available within AISoftw@re Group to improve their time-to-market;

- indirectly increasing AISoftw@re's local and international market share; facilitate the creation of corporate alliance networks between AISoftw@re and major European Groups;
- ensuring medium-term financial returns through the listing on Stock Exchanges of the investments.
- maximise returns to AISoftw@re Group through exploitation of expertise and technologies no longer directly strategic to the three core business units of AISoftw@re.
- AISoftw@re plans to involve other strategic partners in this business, who will contribute their financing, marketing and technology skills.

The Company is registered in Milan (Italy), with a 8.500.000 Euros (8.1 million USD) share capital. Current investment portfolio is represented by: Italia-Invest (Italy) Global EuroNet Inc (USA); ACS (Italy); Geosim System Ltd (Israel) Impression (Italy), Ludonet (Italy).

AISoftw@re

AISoftw@re founded in 1983 and with a consolidated value of production in 1999 of Euros 11,882 million - is a company specialised in the development of decision-supporting knowledge processing and data intelligence technologically innovative Internet and Intranet solutions. Its technical expertise in proprietary products distributed on reference markets positions AISoftw@re as a leading company in medical imaging, advanced software systems and financial market software solutions. AISoftw@re has been listed on Easdaq since 23rd November 1999, and on Nuovo Mercato since 1st August 2000, and has started a programme of growth based both on international expansion and aggressive recruitment, acquisitions and equity investments in software companies working in the area of Internet applications development.

GeoSim Systems

Geosim Systems (formerly Tiltan Geosim Ltd) has been incorporated in Israel in 1998 as a spin-off company of Tiltan Systems Engineering Ltd (TSE). TSE was founded in 1991 by a group of technical experts who served as senior officers in the Israeli Air Force, and has been involved in developing cutting-edge technologies in the field of image processing and 3D visualisation.

The Company's mission is three-fold:

- To create a cost-effective environment for precise and complete 3D terrain modelling, optimised for construction of photo-realistic city models.
- To create an effective client-server environment for Internet-based browsing and visualisation of such city models, capable of supporting a wide range of city model applications.
- To establish and support GeoSim's national subsidiaries, which using Company's technology and methodology will provide on their territories commercial service for so-called Virtual Cities on the Web.

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