



Dassault systèmes hooks growth in yachting market

CATIA V5: a new standard for yacht development

Paris, France, September 15, 2006 — Dassault Systèmes (DS) (Nasdaq: DASTY; Euronext Paris: #13065, DSY.PA), a world leader in 3D and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions today announced that its solutions have now been adopted by over 50 leading players in the yachting and shipbuilding markets, a fast growing sector.

“An increasingly healthy and competitive market is forcing the yachting industry to move from craftsmanship towards more industrial processes. We have demonstrated that the specific solutions we offer for the yachting industry mean that, by reusing know how and with digital mockups, our customers can rapidly introduce new models, styles or innovations. This in a 3D collaborative environment. Customers have reduced time to market and can better manage costs, becoming more competitive,” explains Denis Senpéré, Vice President, PLM North Europe, Dassault Systèmes.

With a multitude of designs, construction models, cabin arrangements, materials, and complex products, the yacht building industry needs scalable solutions able to address different and complex topics seamlessly. CATIA V5 is the only software solution which allows wide multiple process coverage within a unique platform drawing on cutting edge technologies. Benefiting from a vast experience in other industrial sectors, including shipbuilding, Dassault Systèmes offers modules specifically developed to answer the current and future business challenges of yachting companies.

Today, over 50 companies in the yachting industry are using Dassault Systèmes’ solutions based on CATIA V5. Customers include market leaders such as Beneteau, Jeanneau, Hallberg-Rassy, Poncin Yachts and Elan Marine in the small yacht space. In the large yacht market, shipyards like Heesen Yachts and CMN, while in engineering and design, customers include, Berret-Racoupeau Yacht Design, Vaton Design, LNM, Rivoyre Ingénierie and Humphreys Yacht Design.

Dassault Systèmes is present at the Monaco Yacht Show, 20 – 23 September 2006, Pavillon français, stand QP68.

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About Dassault Systèmes

As a world leader in 3D and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, the Dassault Systèmes group brings value to more than 90,000 customers in 80 countries. A pioneer in the 3D software market since 1981, Dassault Systèmes develops and markets PLM application software and services that support industrial processes and provide a 3D vision of the entire lifecycle of products from conception to maintenance. The Dassault Systèmes portfolio consists of CATIA for designing the virtual product - SolidWorks for 3D mechanical design - DELMIA for virtual production - SIMULIA for virtual testing and ENOVIA for global collaborative lifecycle management, including ENOVIA VPLM, ENOVIA MatrixOne and ENOVIA SmarTeam. Dassault Systèmes is listed on the Nasdaq (DASTY) and Euronext Paris (#13065, DSY.PA) stock exchanges. For more information, visit <http://www.3ds.com>

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