

**Richardson, TX March 8, 2006** – Alibre, Inc., and FreeDesign, Inc, jointly announced the bundle release of Alibre Design Expert and FreeDimension. The double software package combines Alibre's most advanced parametric solid modeler with FreeDesign's revolutionary new method for 3D surface creation. Both applications have earned a reputation for easy accessibility and powerful functionality at a highly affordable price. The bundle, which retails for \$1595 in North America, represents the most advanced 3D design capabilities available in the price range.

The combination of the two technologies allows even novice users to create virtually any organic shape with FreeDimension's intuitive and easy-to-learn controls. Curved 3D surfaces from FreeDimension can then be readily passed to Alibre's solid modeling environment. Surface creations may then be directly combined with solid mechanical parts and assemblies, plotted as detailed 2D drawings, rendered with 3D effects, or exported to common manufacturing and document formats. The power to create mechanical designs incorporating complex organic shapes was once only available to an elite group of design professionals. The bundle makes these capabilities accessible to literally anyone.

"FreeDesign and Alibre are breaking down the final barriers to pervasive 3D," said Greg Milliken, CEO of Alibre, Inc. "Never before has free-form design and parametric CAD been available at this price point. Free Design and Alibre have a common vision of making great 3D design software available to all. This bundle is perfect for marine design, mold making, jewelry and consumer products -- anything that requires organic shapes, precise mechanical components, or the combination of the two."

Free Design's free-form modeler is only one of the many new additions in Alibre Design Expert 9.2, which becomes available worldwide in late March. As Alibre's top of the line of solid modeling offerings, Expert 9.2 gives a full array of design features that handle all aspects of product development: conceptualization, presentation, and output to production.

FreeDesign's patented N-Sided Surfacing (NSS) technology represents a revolutionary method of surface generation and control. NSS frees the user from the restrictions of 4-sided surfaces prevalent with NURBS and Bezier methods.

"FreeDimension's NSS is radical in its simplicity," says Dick Sower, CEO of FreeDesign. "It used to be that curves and surfaces were the most troublesome aspect in CAD. In FreeDimension, surfaces simply flow between whatever curves are necessary to define shape, and curves are so easily manipulated, that even a child can use it. FreeDimension frees the imagination, and Alibre Design is the easy, practical way to get those creations into manufacturable form."

#### **About Alibre**

Alibre Inc. develops and markets Alibre Design™, the fastest growing parametric 3D solid modeling software for mechanical design and manufacturing. One-fifth the cost of comparable

software, Alibre Design delivers quick ROI, ease-of-use, rich functionality and unique real-time support, and is enabling small and medium-sized businesses and workgroups to put 3D CAD on every engineer's desk, similar to utilities like Word or Excel. Alibre also delivers Alibre Design Xpress, the industry's only true 3D parametric modeler available free of charge. Alibre Design is available in thirteen languages and distributed worldwide. Founded in 1997, Alibre Inc. is privately funded and based in Richardson, Texas. For more information and for a free trial of Alibre Design, please visit [www.alibre.com](http://www.alibre.com).

### **About FreeDesign, Inc.**

FreeDesign's breakthrough NSS 3D surfacing technology forms the foundation of a revolutionary new modeling tool, FreeDimension. FreeDimension allows for unprecedented freedom and intuition in 3D curve manipulation for initial concept designs. Organic and ergonomic surfaces, traditionally the most difficult to model in CAD, can now be spontaneously generated without advanced modeling skills. The patent-pending N-Sided-Surfacing represents a new generation of 3D surface modeling that enables fast, flexible 3D surface modeling that proves easily superior over NURBS- and Bezier-based systems.

FreeDesign is based in Longmont, Colorado. A free 30-day trial of FreeDimension is available for download at [www.freedesign-inc.com](http://www.freedesign-inc.com).

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