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LEAD Technologies Announces Release of LEADTOOLS v14 in Japanese Through Distributor GrapeCity

Charlotte, NC (March 23, 2005) LEAD Technologies, Inc., developer of the award-winning LEADTOOLS line of imaging toolkits, today announced the release of the Japanese version of LEADTOOLS 14 through its distributor GrapeCity. Many of LEADTOOLS most popular features have been localized for the Japanese market including annotations, image processing, compression, etc and are available as ActiveX and .NET components.

GrapeCity is a distributor of reusable custom controls and development tools known as PowerTools. They have been localizing, selling, and supporting PowerTools since 1993, and have become the largest supplier of software components in Japan, with a 70 percent market share. GrapeCity localizes many well-known U.S. software development companies' products for the Japanese and Chinese markets.

"We are very excited about LEADTOOLS 14's support for .NET components. As an imaging toolkit leader in Japan, we are proud to provide .NET class libraries which consumers have been waiting for. Now, many developers can save a lot of time by using them without sacrificing quality," said Masayuki Fukuchi, Director of Marketing & Communications at GrapeCity, Inc.

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About GrapeCity

GrapeCity Inc. is a Japanese software corporation with offices in Japan, China, India, Mongolia, and the United States, and more than 550 employees worldwide. For over 20 years, we have been bringing the benefits of information technology to enterprises around the world.

About LEAD Technologies, Inc.

Founded in 1990, LEAD grew out of years of research headed by Moe Daher to find a comprehensive compression standard for digital images. LEAD is now the world-leading supplier of imaging development toolkits, providing technology of the future, today. LEAD brings to the market the most innovative and technically superior products that provide the greatest possible value for its customers. LEAD's award winning imaging technology is chosen by Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Boeing, Xerox and thousands of other companies for use in their high volume applications and internal systems.

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