AEgis Technologies Group Announces Strategic Agreement for Simulation Software Distribution with Pitch AB of Sweden

Huntsville, Alabama – February 20, 2002. The AEgis Technologies Group, Inc., a leading international supplier of software tools, training, and services to the Modeling and Simulation (M&S) Industry, announces the signing of an agreement to become Pitch AB’s exclusive software distribution agent for the United States and Canada. Pitch AB is a recognized worldwide leader in providing simulation infrastructure software in the areas of M&S, decision support systems, and web-based knowledge networks.

Under the agreement, AEgis will sublicense the products directly to end-users and will provide local support and consulting services as necessary. AEgis will distribute and support the following products:

- Portable RTI (pRTI™) for HLA (High Level Architecture) 1.3
- Portable RTI (pRTI™) for IEEE 1516
- Visual OMT™ for HLA 1.3
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The pRTI™ is the first commercial Run-Time Infrastructure (RTI) to receive a certification as a full and compliant implementation of the US DoD standard for HLA 1.3. Product characteristics include very high performance, reliability, and ease-of-use. Interoperability through the HLA standard is a requirement for most defense simulation systems in the U.S., NATO, and several other countries; it is particularly valuable in the burgeoning training simulator systems market. pRTI™ is already in use for making disparate computer-based simulations run together efficiently and effectively in the U.S., Europe, and Asia.

Continuing its leadership in the commercial RTI market, Pitch submitted a full implementation for certification against the open IEEE 1516 standard in December 2001. This product, pRTI™ for IEEE 1516, is the first full implementation available and is already in use both in defense and civilian simulation developments. Visual OMT™, available both for HLA 1.3 and IEEE 1516, provides an intuitive way of creating HLA compliant object models necessary for all HLA simulations.

“With the addition of pRTI™ and Visual OMT™ to our software products portfolio, AEgis is taking a significant step toward its ultimate goal of providing comprehensive product, service, and training solutions to simulation professionals worldwide for use in an enormous variety of simulation domains-of-application,” according to Bill Waite, President of The AEgis Technologies Group. “Using AEgis and Pitch products together will enable simulation professionals to leverage the huge potential of modeling and simulation to support emerging distributed collaborative operations in all fields of science and engineering.”
The signing of the agreement complements AEgis’ HLA LabWorks™ line of products, services, and training in support of simulations employing the High Level Architecture (HLA) standards for simulation distributed operation, interoperability, and re-use. AEgis features the use of the pRTI™ in a one-day training course offering, entitled “Introduction to HLA – Hands-On Tutorial” with the most recent class having been taught internationally in Italy.

Staffan Löf, President and CEO of Pitch comments: “This is a part of our plan to establish strategic alliances to increase the presence and availability of our products in important markets. We strongly believe that AEgis is the best partner to promote our products in the U.S. market so we are very pleased to be able to sign this agreement. Customers can feel safe when choosing Pitch products since we can provide both professional local support and a clear path to the future of simulation interoperability.”

AEgis Technologies has been actively involved in the development of the High Level Architecture with the U.S. DoD dating back to 1995 and is an original member of the Architectural Management Group (AMG). More information about the announcement and available products can be found at the AEgis website at www.AegisTG.com.

About The AEgis Technologies Group, Inc.
Since 1988, The AEgis Technologies Group, Inc. has been creating innovative solutions to challenges requiring specialized modeling and simulation knowledge, including expertise in simulation and software development, integration, and analysis; training simulator development; HLA/DIS technologies; C4I-to-simulation interfacing; object-oriented analysis and design; verification and validation (V&V), a variety of training courses in simulation including HLA, SEDRIS, and VV&A; and accreditation programs for software and simulations. AEgis Technologies also provides specialized Photonics, MEMS, electro-optic, infrared, and LADAR services and products. Commercial software product offerings include HLA Lab Works™, a software tool suite that dramatically reduces HLA simulation/federation development costs, ACSL™, a software tool that provides an outstanding capability to model real-world systems using continuous simulation, and BattleStorm™, a low-cost, flexible simulation framework on top of which multiple types of simulators are being built. More information about The AEgis Technologies Group, Inc. can be found at www.AEgisTG.com.

About Pitch Kunskapsutveckling AB Inc.
Since 1991, Pitch Kunskapsutveckling AB, Sweden, has delivered products and services to improve the utilization of business-critical knowledge through computer-based decision-support systems. The main business areas are modeling and simulation systems for training and analysis, decision-support systems, and web-based knowledge networks. As a recognized worldwide leader in simulation infrastructure software, Pitch AB delivers products, training, and consulting. More information about Pitch AB can be found at www.Pitch.se.

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