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Plancal nova Software for MEP Contractors and Engineers Integrates with Trimble Construction Layout and Fabrication Solutions

New Functionality Integrates Native File Support for Trimble Field Link for MEP, Trimble SketchUp and Vulcan Fabrication Solutions

SUNNYVALE, Calif., March 18, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Trimble (NASDAQ:TRMB) announced the release of its Plancal nova software for CAD and calculation application for engineers and installers. Version 9 includes new features such as a cooling load calculation module (implementing the European DIN 6007-1 Standard), wastewater pipe detailing capability and improved freshwater engineering calculation module. To provide more detailed information from the office to field applications, nova v9 also incorporates native file support for Trimble® SketchUp as well as Trimble's Field Link for MEP construction layout and Vulcan fabrication solutions. The new functionality supports Trimble's effort to promote the exchange of Building Information Model (BIM) data across mechanical, engineering and plumbing (MEP) project-based workflows from estimating to design, engineering to fabrication and field layout.

A key element of Trimble's overall MEP portfolio, Plancal nova is a 3D CAD/CAE software solution, which integrates design, drawing and engineering calculation/analysis through a proprietary CAD-core. Trimble's focus is to build upon and extend its market presence in Central Europe as well as the United Kingdom by continuing to enhance and invest in nova's core feature development.

"We view the Plancal nova software as a part of the evolution and maturation of our MEP portfolio. Providing holistic connections between key MEP stakeholders helps to reduce errors and creates project efficiencies that equate to improved productivity for our customers," said Pat Bohle, general manager of Trimble's MEP Division.

"Adding Trimble SketchUp model support as well as integration with the Trimble Field Link for MEP layout and Vulcan fabrication products to Plancal nova v9 demonstrates our commitment to meet the unique needs of the European MEP market and Trimble's capabilities to optimize the BIM workflow," said Dominik Rueedi, CEO of Plancal.

Plancal nova v9 as well as Trimble's field layout and 3D laser solutions are available now for Central European customers directly through Plancal.

About Trimble Buildings Group

Trimble Buildings, a part of Trimble's Engineering and Construction segment, is a world leader in construction project optimization across the design-build-operate (DBO) lifecycle. By providing intuitive software and field solutions that span the brands of Meridian Systems, Plancal, SketchUp, Tekla, Vico Software and WinEst, Trimble is dedicated to helping building owners and AEC service providers improve productivity, increase efficiencies and maximize profitability of construction projects across the entire workflow from simulation to renovation. Used in over 141 countries around the world and supported by a global dealer and distribution partner network, precision Trimble technology is a mainstay of the building industry. Trimble Buildings' leading technology platform, Trimble DBO, draws on unparalleled expertise from across the entire continuum to provide building professionals with a comprehensive solution that responds to their specialized needs while benefiting from an understanding of the total workflow at every step.

About Trimble

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring position or location—including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies, such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user and to ensure a tight coupling of the field and the back office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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