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## 3D Systems Expands Hearing Aid Production To Its Latest ProJet 3D Printer

- ProJet<sup>®</sup> 6000 Doubles Production Output
- Superior Surface Finish Slashes Time To Market

**ROCK HILL, South Carolina – December 13, 2012 –** 3D Systems (NYSE:DDD) announced today the immediate availability of Dreve FotoTec hearing aid material for use in its best in class <a href="ProJet® 6000">ProJet® 6000</a> professional 3D printer.

As a leader in additive manufacturing for healthcare, 3D Systems' printers transformed the production of hearing aids almost a decade ago from labor-intensive, hand-crafted devices to fully automated, 3D printed, personalized in-ear hearing aids. The ProJet 6000 combines the ease of use of an office printer with the performance of genuine SLA® parts to deliver a nearly 2X improvement in throughput for hearing-aid production with a printed surface so smooth that it results in 50% less finishing time.

"We are pleased to expand our 3D Systems partnership with the addition of the ProJet 6000 to our own fleet of 3D Systems production printers," stated Dr. Volker Dreve, CEO Dreve GmbH. "Our customers, like Comfoor B.V., will benefit by upgrading to the new ProJet 6000 using our new Fototec Otoplastik SL.E material based on its proven performance."

"We are thrilled to offer our hearing aid customers a proven, integrated solution that combines the latest products from two leading providers into a powerful and affordable manufacturing tool," said Lee Dockstader, Vice President of Business Development for 3D Systems.

Find more information on healthcare solutions at 3DSystems.com.

## **About 3D Systems Corporation**

3D Systems is a leading provider of 3D content-to-print solutions including 3D printers, print materials and on-demand custom parts services for professionals and consumers alike. The company also provides CAD software and plugins, and affordable consumer create-and-make printers, apps and services. Its expertly integrated solutions replace and complement traditional methods and reduce the time and cost of designing new products by printing real parts directly from digital input. These solutions are used to rapidly design, create, communicate, prototype or produce real parts, empowering customers to create and make with confidence.

More information on the company is available at <u>www.3DSystems.com</u>

To experience our entire range of 3D content-to-print products and services please visit <a href="https://www.printin3d.com">www.printin3d.com</a>, <a href="https://www.adproparts.com">www.adproparts.com</a>, <a href

## **About Dreve**

The basis for the success of Dreve Company is the handcrafted manufacturing of custom medical devices, dentures in the beginning and later on ear molds. However, from the start my parents initiated also the development and production of innovative materials and manufacturing processes according to our guiding principle: "Innovation aus Tradition" which means innovation based on tradition.

Learn more at otoplastik.dreve.de/en/company/

## **About Comfoor**

Comfoor B.V. aims to be the best producer of ear molds and hearing protection in the Netherlands. Via a range of channels the company aims to supply high quality to outstanding hearing protection to people with a variety of needs and budgets. By closely monitoring the latest relevant developments and developing its own innovative products and services to meet the requirements of its clients, Comfoor aims to be the preferred supplier for ear molds and hearing protection.

More information is available at comfoor.com