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Altium Designer Viewer Edition - New Release

Accelerates productivity through fast and easy sharing of design data

SYDNEY, Australia – May 1, 2006 – Altium Limited (ASX: ALU), leading developer of Windows-based electronics design software, today announced the latest release of the Altium Designer Viewer Edition, which enables users to quickly and easily view, print, cross probe and explore design projects and documents that have been created in Altium's unified electronic product development system, Altium Designer.

This latest Viewer Edition license provides users with expanded functionality to support the recent Altium Designer 6 release as well as design projects created in all previous versions of the software. The Viewer Edition installation also easily allows users to keep up-to-date with Altium Designer's new Web Update feature.

"In harmony with all our efforts to help engineers lower development costs, bring products to market faster, and focus on innovative answers to today's design challenges - the Altium Designer Viewer Edition facilitates the overall electronic product development process by enhancing access to design data across an entire organization" commented Nick Martin, Altium Founder and CEO. "Deploying the Altium Designer Viewer Edition also serves to lower organization's design tool TCO and maximizes ROI, both of which are absolute necessities in today's harsh competitive environment."

The Altium Designer Viewer Edition license boosts engineering design team productivity and accelerates time to market by significantly aiding the communication and sharing of design data. Designed to be installed by all those in a company who are involved in the wider electronic product development process, the Viewer gives users ability to freely interrogate all aspects of a design while preserving the integrity of the projects by preventing editing of the design documents. As a true viewer, it offers members of a team quick, read-only access to a design, allowing them to review and provide feedback to the original Designer. Users can open and securely explore single documents, design projects or multiple projects that have been grouped together as part of a design workspace.

All of Altium Designer's powerful review and inspection capabilities are enabled in this latest Viewer Edition license providing engineering design team members with access to the full complement of query, viewing and inspection capabilities, from checking the parameters in a schematic component, to examining the PCB design rules, through to scrutinizing the routing with Altium Designer 6's new Board Insight Lens feature. Users can also generate reports and printouts, and open and view Gerber, ODB++, NC Drill, and other manufacturing files with the Viewer Edition.

Availability

The Altium Designer Viewer Edition License is available free-of-charge and is activated by a license which is registered to the user for 12 months. The Altium Designer Viewer Edition can be downloaded immediately from <http://www.altium.com/Forms/designer/viewer.aspx>

About Altium Designer

Altium Designer is the only unified electronic product development system that allows engineers to take a design from concept to completion in a single application. Altium Designer unifies:-

- Board-level design and PCB layout
- Manufacturing file editing and verification
- Component information management
- Device- and vendor-independent programmable logic design
- Embedded development for FPGA-based systems using soft and discrete processors
- Project data & document management

Altium Designer's unified design environment delivers design flow efficiencies not possible using conventional development methodologies enforced by the traditional point tool approach. The unified environment also eliminates the need to purchase and integrate numerous extra-cost add-ons to increase functionality, or make up a complete solution.

About Altium Limited

Altium Limited (ASX: ALU) is a global developer and supplier of electronics design software for the Microsoft Windows environment. Founded in 1985, Altium released the world's first Windows-based printed circuit board design tool in 1991, and continues to provide advanced, easy-to-use and affordable software design tools for complete electronic product development to electronics engineers, designers, and developers worldwide. Altium is headquartered in Sydney, Australia, with sales and support offices in Australia, the United States, Japan, China and Europe – and maintains a large reseller network in all other major markets. For more information please visit www.altium.com.

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