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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****LEAD Technologies Announces the Release of LEADTOOLS Version 16**

**Charlotte, NC (October 23, 2008)** - - LEAD Technologies, Inc, the leading provider of imaging development toolkits, today announced the release of LEADTOOLS version 16. This major new version offers significant and valuable new features to the current LEADTOOLS product line. In addition, LEAD is launching several exciting new products, including a Medical Web Viewer Framework, a JPIP Client/Server toolkit and a Forms Recognition and Processing toolkit.

LEADTOOLS is a collection of SDKs (software development toolkits) designed to enable programmers to quickly and easily integrate digital imaging technology into applications. This newest version of LEADTOOLS includes several breakthrough enhancements and new products specifically developed for the Medical Imaging and Document Imaging vertical markets.

**Key New Features/Products for the LEADTOOLS Medical Imaging product group:**

- Enhanced Medical Viewer control for rapid development of medical image viewing applications.
- Medical Web Viewer Framework (with WCF – Windows Communication Foundation) for the development of web based teleradiology applications.
- Updated DICOM support to include all IODs in the 2008 DICOM specification.
- Support for PDF, bitonal image data and raw data encapsulation in DICOM.
- New Medical Multimedia module that includes DirectShow filters for reading and writing DICOM files.
- JPIP Client and Server Tools for viewing high resolution images with minimal network bandwidth requirements.

More information on the new features of the Medical Imaging portion of this release:

<http://leadtools.com/corporate/pr/v16press-medical.htm>

**Key New Features/Products for the LEADTOOLS Document Imaging product group:**

- Forms Recognition and Processing SDK for classifying, processing and extracting data from scanned handwritten and machine printed forms.
- OCR (Optical Character Recognition) enhancements for the rapid development of document imaging applications with high-level OCR functionality.
- Multi-threaded OCR SDK that supports both 32 and 64 bit development.
- Allows choice of multiple OCR, ICR, OMR and MICR engines.
- OCR output can be saved as multiple document formats including DOC, PDF and PDF/A.
- Updated Barcode Modules with all 2D symbols included in a single product.
- Annotation support for WPF to mark up images in XAML based applications.

More information on the new features of the Document Imaging portion of this release:

<http://leadtools.com/corporate/pr/v16press-ocr.htm>

**Key New Features for LEADTOOLS Imaging product group:**

- WPF Viewers to add advanced imaging functionality to any WPF XAML based application.
- WPF Transition effects.
- 64 bit scanning built on WIA technology.
- GIF Animation in .NET.
- Added new and enhanced existing image formats.
- Introduction of an entry level imaging SDK that includes ActiveX and WPF controls.

LEAD's most comprehensive release in several years, Version 16 is the culmination of more than 18 years of R&D, design and coding. Jordan Shields, Vice President stated, "LEADTOOLS v16 is our most significant release in more than 10 years and will strengthen LEAD's position as the global leader in imaging development SDKs."

## Pricing and Availability

LEADTOOLS Version 16 is available for order now with pricing starting at \$495 for a developer license. For more information about the products, please visit <http://leadtools.com> or contact a LEAD sales representative at 704-332-5532.

## About LEAD Technologies

Since 1990, LEAD Technologies, Inc. has been a global leader in the imaging developer toolkit market, providing programmers with feature-rich tools to "image-enable" their software applications. LEAD Technologies pioneered the fastest software-only image compression and continues to lead the field in advancing new imaging technologies and offering those technologies to programmers worldwide.

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