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**LEADTOOLS Wins VBxtras' Thunderbolt Award  
for the Fifth Consecutive Year**

**Phoenix, Arizona, (May 1, 2000)** - For the fifth year in a row, LEADTOOLS was chosen as the 1999 VBxtras Thunderbolt Award Winner in the category of Best Imaging and/or Multimedia Component. The fifth annual ThunderBolt awards were announced by VBxtras at a VB conference in Phoenix Arizona. The Thunderbolt awards recognize excellence in Visual Basic software development, and winners are chosen by customers who cast their votes for products in over 30 specialized product categories.

LEADTOOLS is a family of comprehensive toolkits designed to help programmers integrate raster, document, medical, multimedia and vector imaging into their applications quickly and easily. LEADTOOLS gives developers the most flexible and powerful imaging technology available offering imaging technology for scanning, color conversion, display/special effects, annotations, image processing, compression, image format import/export filters, Internet imaging, medical imaging, database imaging, printing, multimedia, Imaging Common Dialogs, OCR, FlashPix format, screen capture and more.

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**About LEAD Technologies, Inc.**

Founded in 1990, LEAD grew out of years of research headed by Moe Daher to find a comprehensive compression standard for digital images. LEAD is now the world-leading supplier of imaging development toolkits, providing technology of the future, today. LEAD brings to the market the most innovative and technically superior products that provide the greatest possible value for its customers. LEAD's award winning imaging technology is chosen by Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Boeing, Xerox and thousands of other companies for use in their high volume applications and internal systems.