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LEAD Ports LEADTOOLS to DEC Alpha

Charlotte, NC (Oct. 1, 1997) - LEAD Technologies, Inc. announced that a new version of its award winning imaging development toolkit, LEADTOOLS Pro Express (32 bit DLL, ActiveX32) version 8.0, supports the Alpha-based processors from Digital Equipment Corporation, running the Windows NT operating system.

The DEC Alpha version of LEADTOOLS adds to the award winning line of high-performance imaging toolkits from LEAD Technologies. LEADTOOLS offers the widest variety of imaging technology available in a single integrated development toolkit with nearly 300 functions, properties and methods for color and document imaging. Whether a programmer is creating a web page, a document imaging system, a paint/drawing program, or an imaging database that will run on a desktop, or over an Intranet or the Internet, LEADTOOLS offers the most comprehensive imaging solutions.

By supporting the DEC Alpha platform, LEAD Technologies continues its mission to anticipate the imaging needs of our clients and offer encompassing imaging development solutions which take advantage of industry-standard hardware platforms.

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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.