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**LEAD Congratulates PentaWare on Recent
PC Magazine Editor's Choice Award**

Charlotte, NC (March 6, 2002) LEAD Technologies, a leading provider of imaging developer toolkits, congratulates its valued customer PentaWare on receiving a PC Magazine Editor's Choice Award. Pentaware's most recent release of PentaZip, a versatile compression utility, gained top honors in the PC Magazine's Editors picks of archive utilities.

PentaZip has continued to lead the way in their marketplace for some time, being the first zip program to include an integrated multi-format file viewer, handle multiple compression formats without requiring additional software, work with multiple antivirus programs, and offer integrated email support. Additionally, PentaZip was the first to earn the Microsoft "Designed for Windows 98/NT logo, get certified for Microsoft Windows 2000 and earn the Microsoft "Designed for Windows XP" logo.

PentaWare has been a LEAD Technologies' customer since 1998, using LEADTOOLS version 5 in early development of PentaZip. In PentaZip version 4, PentaWare used LEADTOOLS Multimedia Pro v12 to add support for numerous file formats including Adobe PSD and MPG, exceptional speed for JPEG rendition, as well as convenient facilities for file manipulation. PentaWare's developers found the LEADTOOLS Vector View plug-in gave them the necessary support for vector formats such as AutoCAD DWG and DXF.

Claude Ostfeld, President and CEO of PentaWare says, "I was extremely pleased with the quality of the LEADTOOLS products and the prompt and friendly support we received on the few occasions we needed it. We chose LEADTOOLS because it suited our needs for numerous formats, ease of implementation, completeness of the features we needed and solid rock stability."

"Congratulations PentaWare. It is always satisfying when customers win awards for their products that were developed using our toolkits," said LEAD's Marketing Manager, Catherine Whitten.

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About PentaWare, Inc.

PentaWare Inc. is a software distribution company dedicated to providing quality and user friendly products. PentaZip demonstrates that dedication by being the first compression program to pass the Veritest "Designed for Windows 2000 Professional" certification. It also recently received the coveted SMAU99 Industrial Design Award.

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. The LEADTOOLS family of toolkits is designed to help programmers integrate raster, document, medical, multimedia and vector imaging into their applications quickly and easily. 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.