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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**LEAD TECHNOLOGIES ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF
LEADTOOLS VCL COMPONENTS FOR DELPHI & C++ BUILDER**

Charlotte, NC (April 16, 1999) — LEAD Technologies, Inc., a LEADing provider of imaging development toolkits worldwide, announced the shipment today of LEADTOOLS VCL (visual component libraries). LEADTOOLS is an imaging toolkit that allows developers to add advanced imaging technology quickly and easily into their document, multimedia and medical imaging applications without writing massive amounts of code from scratch. VCL is a framework consisting of classes and components that allow users to easily create Delphi and Borland C++Builder applications. Delphi and C++Builder are Inprise Corporation's award-winning rapid application development tools products. The LEADTOOLS VCL's offer developers most of LEAD's core imaging functionality in a native Delphi component format. The VCL is available throughout the LEADTOOLS product line, and includes four separate packages for Delphi 3 & 4 and C++ Builder 3 & 4.

Rich Little, president of LEAD, said, "Responding to customer requests, we are providing the power of LEADTOOLS imaging in a native Delphi programming environment. Our customers who are using Delphi or C++ Builder will now have the option of using Inprise Corporation's award-winning VCL technology when they integrate LEADTOOLS imaging into their application."

"LEADTOOLS is the most comprehensive toolkit on the market for developers who need to integrate color, grayscale, and document imaging into their applications. We are pleased LEAD Technologies has chosen to integrate our VCL technology into their products," said Ben Riga, group product manager for enterprise tools at Inprise Corporation.

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About Inprise's Delphi and C++Builder

Inprise's Borland Delphi 4 is a major new version of its award-winning enterprise rapid-application-development tool for Windows. Designed to help enterprises deliver large-scale, enterprise-class business applications faster, Delphi 4 radically simplifies the integration of client, middleware, and database development. Delphi 4 now includes support for both CORBA and COM, the leading distributed-computing standards, as well as the Microsoft Transaction Server (MTS).

About Inprise Corporation

Inprise Corporation is a leading provider of software and services that simplify the complexity of enterprise application development, deployment, and management. The company is distinguished for its award-winning family of rapid application development products and for proven scalable middleware. Inprise integrates these offerings with application management products to provide customers with end-to-end solutions. Inprise customers include leading enterprises and independent software developers around the world. Founded in 1983, Inprise is headquartered in Scotts Valley, California and has operations around the world. Inprise has more than 900 employees worldwide. For more information on Inprise, customers can visit the company's Web site at <http://www.borland.com/>.

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.