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DESIGNADVANCE & Valor Partnership Offers Customers *First-Time-Right* Printed Circuit Board Manufacturing, Speeds Up Design for PCB Design Houses

Pittsburgh, PA--August 23, 2005-- DesignAdvance™ Systems, Inc., an electronic design automation (EDA) and computer aided design (CAD) design-synthesis software developer, announced today that it is partnering with Valor Computerized Systems [FWB: VCR], the leader in productivity-enhancing solutions for the electronics industry, to improve Printed Circuit Board (PCB) manufacturing for its customers by offering faster (automatic and interactive) PCB design and *Right the First Time* PCB manufacturing.

With Valor's manufacturing data sets and DesignAdvance's CircuitSpace™ PCB component placement software, PCB design houses can design faster and correctly target manufacturing equipment and processes.

"It is a logical next step for us to use manufacturing data sets to improve the manufacturing results of a CircuitSpace PCB design," said Randy Eager, CEO of DesignAdvance.

"Valor's PCB manufacturers' data sets allow our customers to calibrate their placement data with manufacturing equipment and processes."

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“By facilitating the use of PCB designers production constraint data within CircuitSpace, our mutual customers are now able to consider DFM information while automating the placement of components on a PCB. This will have many positive effects including the reduction in design time and a reduction in the number of spins or design prototypes, which delay the release of new products,” added Julian Coates, Valor’s Vice President, Corporate Marketing.

About CircuitSpace

CircuitSpace brings user-assisted automation to the current manual process of PCB component placement, reduces design time and helps bring products to market sooner at reduced costs. With CircuitSpace, designers can utilize constraints such as Design Rule Checks (DRCs) and Electrical Rule Checks (ERCs). Patented algorithms then process the data, solving an optimization problem that results in components placed according to the constraints.

About Valor

Valor Computerized Systems develops compelling technologies for simulating and optimizing the manufacture of printed circuit boards. Valor's breakthrough technologies for product design analysis, simulation and optimization of PCB assembly, and Manufacturing Operations Management increase productivity, yield and quality, and help streamline and accelerate product innovation in a fast-paced global market. Valor is listed on the Prime Standard of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange [WKN 928731]. More information on Valor can be found on www.valor.com.

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DesignAdvance Systems, Inc. develops automated EDA and CAD design-synthesis software tools that reduce the amount of time it takes to design electrical and mechanical products.

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