

Kistler Group Companies Rely on Dassault Systèmes' SolidWorks for All Product Design

Leading Measurement Technology Manufacturer Increases Product Quality and Reduce Costs

VELIZY-VILLACOUBLAY, France - June 12, 2013 – [Dassault Systèmes](#) (Euronext Paris: #13065, DSY.PA), the 3DEXPERIENCE Company, world leader in 3D design software, 3D Digital Mock Up and Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solutions, today announced that the Kistler Group, a leading manufacturer of dynamic measurement technology, is expanding its global product design and development with its [SolidWorks 3D design software application](#). Kistler is adding more than 25 new SolidWorks licenses to its sites in Switzerland, Germany, USA, and Asia with the goal of consolidating all design work from every competence center in order to simplify working processes, reduce turnaround times, and lower costs. Since November 2012, Kistler has designed all of its products with SolidWorks software.

"We were already using SolidWorks in Winterthur, but primarily in the field of electromechanical engineering," explained Edwin Schmid, R&D Manager at Kistler Instrumente AG. "The software offers such an extensive and varied level of functionality, making it a very flexible tool that we can use in all departments at each site. With the help of this company-wide approach to CAD, we can guarantee data compatibility at the international sites, increase product quality, and reduce system maintenance costs."

Powered by Dassault Systèmes' 3DEXPERIENCE platform, the SolidWorks software application has been used by Kistler for five years to develop sensors, electronics, and software for sophisticated measuring tasks. Kistler products are generally used for testing during vehicle development processes and to monitor and control various industrial production processes, playing a key role in quality assurance procedures. It is crucial for measurement technology to be developed on a continuous basis and for solutions to be customized to address specific market requirements.

"Standardizing on a single design platform increases collaboration and productivity, and allows customers to spend more time focusing on innovation," said Bertrand Sicot, CEO SolidWorks, Dassault Systèmes. "Adopting SolidWorks will enable Kistler to provide the consistent measurement tools their customers rely on to test and assure quality in their own products, regardless of where they were manufactured."

At Kistler Instrumente AG in Winterthur, the eight existing licenses will be supplemented with another 17 licenses, for design work at the site by the end of the year. The competence centers located in Lorch in Germany and Buffalo, NY, USA are switching from their previous CAD software to SolidWorks with 11 additional licenses. The German Competence Centres in Schöneich and Wetzlar have already been using SolidWorks CAD.

Solid Solutions AG, an authorized SolidWorks reseller, provided consultation, and implementation for the SolidWorks deployment.

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About Kistler AG

Kistler is a privately owned Swiss company that develops and manufactures sensors and electronics for measuring pressure, force, torque and acceleration. The Kistler Group is based in Winterthur, Switzerland. Worldwide, Kistler currently employs 1200 members of staff at 25 group companies. As a global market and technology leader in dynamic measurement technology, the Group invests around 10% of its annual turnover in research and development. www.kistler.com

About Solid Solutions AG

Solid Solutions AG is a leading Swiss provider of cost-effective, complete solutions for the product development process, with 3D CAD and product data management (PDM) being a particular focus for the company. The company's products and services are designed to increase efficiency across the product development process in the engineering industry, particularly in the fields of machine and plant construction. Solid Solutions provides SolidWorks customers in Switzerland with training and support. www.solidsolutions.ch

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