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M-Color 9 - Adds the human touch!

Allied Images, suppliers of large format scanning solutions, is pleased to announce availability of M-Color release 9. M-Color 9 gives you a competitive advantage by integrating with AutoCAD or AutoCAD LT in order to produce truly impressive colorful graphic presentations from CAD plots. Efficient colour management and the facility to save and re-use configurations enhance productivity and allows you to focus on creativity.

Antti Nivala of Motive Systems, said "Using only AutoCAD it is impossible to make plots that look as impressive as when they are done using M-Color with translucent colour fills, gradient colour fills, shadings and use of different solid fills. Customers often want to see colourful and impressive plots when they see a presentation of their architectural/land design project. Companies that have M-Color are able to present impressive designs to customers, helping the companies to get more customers and keep the current customers satisfied and impressed. Also, customers wants the drawing look like it was hand drawn. This can be done with M-Color 9 only. M-Color combines the technical world of AutoCAD with the impressive layouts of graphics programs, at the same time increasing productivity."

With version 9, M-Color lets you take things several steps further than before. Now you can easily create hand-drawn effects and one-click drop shadows, or use such features as translucent bitmaps and translucent gradient fills to create presentations from your plots that truly share your vision.

Many clients want to see a sketch or have a proposal that looks as if it were drawn by hand. This effect gives the proposal a more natural, human look and can be achieved rapidly and with ease in M-Color 9. Essentially, the hand-drawn feature takes the lines of an AutoCAD drawing and introduces variations of line thickness, colour or style transforming it into a "hand-drawn" illustration.

Drop shadows provide a sense of depth to a design. Also, they give a design greater visual contrast and allow it to have a larger appearance than when placed on a white background. Previously, AutoCAD designs were taken into other software packages such as Illustrator or Photoshop to get these realistic effects. Now, the one-click drop shadow in M-Color 9 allows you to produce this effect quickly and with minimum effort.

The many new features in M-Color 9 have not affected its ease of use. M-Color 9 is more effective and productive than ever; supporting an extensive range of export options and output file formats, including 50% smaller PDF files.

Steve Morin, MD of Allied Images said “Many potential customers do not yet know about M-Color but they need to get impressive drawings. They now take the drawings into a graphics package to add effects such as translucent colour fills, gradient colour fills and drop shadows. When they change their original AutoCAD design, the work they did in the graphics package needs to be redone. As M-Color is integrated with AutoCAD this does not happen so their productivity increases. Also, with M-Color it is much easier and faster to plot these large designs than with some graphics packages which are fully bitmap based.”

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About Allied Images Limited

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About Motive Systems

Founded in 1989, Motive Systems is a developer of state of the art software applications. The company's early background in engineering and consulting provides an effective basis for understanding customers' real-world needs. This expertise has led to the development of M-Color and M-Files, the company's flagship products.

Motive Systems also offers document management consulting, as well as customized software development services. Motive Systems' future plans include growing its business into an internationally recognized developer of software products. In doing so, Motive is committed to maintaining the high quality of products and customer service that have earned the company the respect of its customers as a provider of quality CAD and document management software. www.motivesystems.com