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GENTLE GIANT STUDIOS JOINS MENSI SERVICE PARTNER PROGRAM

MENSI's 3D Scanning & Modeling Technology Goes to Hollywood

ATLANTA, January 3, 2000 – MENSI, Inc., the world's first developer and supplier of 3-D laser scanners and 3D modeling software for as-built and real world data capture and modeling, announced that Gentle Giant Studios, Inc. has joined the MENSI Service Partner Network (MSPN). Gentle Giant Studios, based in Burbank California, in the heart of the Hollywood film, TV and special effects community will combine MENSI's 3D scanning and modeling technology with traditional sculpting, molding, casting and painting skills to create models for films, games and toys. Taking the MENSI system on the road to provide clients with mobile scanning services enables Gentle Giant Studios to turn virtually any object into a digital reality.

According to Kenneth S. Shain, CEO for MENSI, Inc., "Gentle Giant Studios is a key and valuable addition to our service partner team. They have the proven ability and now have the demonstrated capacity to take on all types of projects. We look forward to their growth and prosperity in the years ahead!"

"Our clients require rapid response on a wide range of projects. Having the MENSI scanner and joining the team allows us to respond decisively on nearly all existing and emerging opportunities," says Karl Meyer, President of Gentle Giant Studios, Inc.

Members of the MENSI Service Partner Network represent a wide array of application disciplines serving a diverse cross-section of the 3D data capture and modeling marketplace including power and plant, mechanical engineering, historic preservation and cinematic special effects. Benefits of the program include co-marketing and technical assistance, project referrals and web links, to name but a few.

MENSI produces both hardware and software products. Its 3-D scanning sensor uses laser technology to capture physical objects such as structures or scenes and converts them into digital point cloud data for follow-on processing. The software program processes point cloud data into 3-D models. The user can then manipulate this model, extract its geometry or create surface models and output them to various 3rd party modeling, simulation, CAD or AEC software products such as Alias|Wavefront, Paraform, Raindrop Geomagic, 3D Studio Max, AutoCAD, Microsostation or PDMS. Unique capabilities of the MENSI software include automatic image and texture mapping onto scanned surfaces, and automatic registration of multiple scanned points of view. The software is ideal for companies that need to capture existing geometries and physical relationships when the use of conventional methods, such as traditional drawings, are inadequate, unavailable or impractical to use.

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