

## **RSoft Design Group Acquires Assets of ARTIS**

*Acquisition produces top supplier of fiber optic network/link simulation software*

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January 7, 2003 — Ossining, NY — RSoft Design Group, Inc. (<http://www.rsoftdesign.com>) is pleased to announce it has acquired the intellectual property assets of and hired key employees from ARTIS. ARTIS' assets include OptSim, a software product for the simulation of optical communication systems, and Artifex, a modeling and simulation environment for the design and validation of network technologies. ARTIS is noted for being a leading global supplier of network/system simulation software; RSoft Design Group's LinkSIM software was previously a direct competitor to ARTIS' OptSim tool. RSoft is the only company to offer a full range of simulation and planning software and services that span the entire component- to network-level hierarchy. RSoft's award-winning products address design and business analysis challenges across four key areas of wired and wireless networks: Component Design, System Simulation, Network Modeling, and Strategic Analysis.

"It is significant that the combination of ARTIS' OptSim and RSoft's LinkSIM, both top ranking tools in optical system simulation, will make RSoft Design Group the premier supplier of this line of software worldwide. RSoft is already the leading global supplier of component-level simulation products," stated Robert Scarmozzino, CEO of RSoft Design Group. "The acquisition of ARTIS' intellectual property supports RSoft's growth strategy by increasing our lead in the global marketplace."

RSoft has hired key personnel in sales, technical support, and development from ARTIS, and will continue to support the company's products. "ARTIS customers are enthusiastic about this development. RSoft Design Group has a solid reputation for support and quality products that is consistent with ARTIS' past philosophy and standards. The technology behind the two companies' solutions is complementary and will enhance the tools we offer our customers," stated Alessandro Arnulfo, who has joined RSoft from ARTIS, where he managed ARTIS' operations in the U.S. and Asia.

RSoft will continue supporting users of ARTIS software, and OptSim and RSoft's LinkSIM will be merged into a single, unified platform that takes advantage of the strengths of both tools. ARTIS' Artifex will join RSoft's full spectrum photonics and network design automation family as a new modeling and simulation environment.

The ARTIS software packages are now available through RSoft Design Group. Any further questions about ARTIS' family of products should be directed to RSoft.

**About RSoft Design Group, Inc.**

Offering a comprehensive suite of design and business analysis software solutions to the telecommunications and photonics industries, RSoft Design Group is the only company that provides a full range of simulation and planning software and services across the entire component to network-level hierarchy. The company's award-winning products are used by researchers, manufacturers, systems integrators, and service providers to address design challenges ranging from the physics of component design to the business implications of planning wired and wireless networks. Formed by the merger of RSoft, Inc. and Network Design Tools, Inc., RSoft Design Group, Inc. is a privately held corporation with software development offices in New York, New Jersey, Illinois and Silicon Valley, and global marketing operations in the Pacific Rim, Europe, and the Middle East. For more information, visit [www.rsoftdesign.com](http://www.rsoftdesign.com).

**About ARTIS Srl**

ARTIS' mission has been fostering the development and optimization of high-capacity network equipment and optical transmission technologies by delivering solutions that ensure maximization of network performance and effective control on expenditures for new investments and operation management. ARTIS' leading solutions addressed the whole telecom and datacom market, from carriers and ISPs to DWDM network equipment vendors. For more information, visit [www.rsoftdesign.com](http://www.rsoftdesign.com) or [www.artis-software.com](http://www.artis-software.com).

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