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Third Wave Systems and Dr. Juergen Leopold to Partner in Software Efforts Leopold to Offer AdvantEdge Support to German Users

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (17 February 2009) – Third Wave Systems and retired Dr. Juergen Leopold (Fraunhofer Institute) have joined forces in a formal agreement that will enhance *AdvantEdge* technical support throughout Germany. Leopold is a long-time user of Third Wave's *AdvantEdge* software, which simulates machining processes for analysis and optimization, and will serve as the point of contact for all Germany-based companies requesting technical support. With extensive experience in real-world machining applications and expertise in material modeling, Leopold adds a professional presence in Germany and joins a list of international TWS personnel and distributors located in Europe and Asia. Dr. Leopold received a Dipl.-Ing. degree in Control Engineering from the Karl-Marx-Stadt (now: Chemnitz) University of Technology, Germany; a PhD degree in Pneumatics/Hydraulics; a Doctor of Science degree in Manufacturing; and has since gone on to publish more than 180 articles in scientific and technical mediums.

About Third Wave Systems, Inc. Third Wave Systems provides material-based, machining modeling software and services used by Fortune 500 aerospace, automotive, cutting tool, semiconductor, optics, and medical device companies to optimize traditional and state-of-the-art high speed machining processes. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, Third Wave Systems also has offices in Detroit, Michigan; East Hartford, Connecticut; and Rotherham, UK. International distributors are located in Europe and Asia.

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