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Third Wave Production Module Introduced to Select European Markets by ISBE GmbH

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (5 September 2012) – Third Wave Systems is pleased to announce that software company ISBE GmbH has successfully introduced Third Wave Production Module to the German-speaking market. Production Module is a comprehensive NC program optimization solution that integrates physics-based material models, CAD/CAM inputs, and machine dynamics to reduce cycle time, extend tool life, and improve part quality. ISBE has been a product distributor of Third Wave AdvantEdge since 2008, making it a logical resource for introducing Third Wave Production Module to German-speaking markets across Europe. ISBE has extensive experience providing tool manufacturers with software that can be used to develop, simulate, and optimize cutting tools – including its own software products.

"ISBE is excited to be working with Third Wave to further establish Production Module and AdvantEdge within the German-speaking markets," said Claus Itterheim, founder and CEO of ISBE. "Third Wave products fit very well into ISBE's product portfolio, and our contacts are enthusiastic about the potential power of Third Wave Production Module to reduce costs of machined components, accelerate design cycles, and improve part quality."

ISBE will be co-exhibiting with Third Wave Systems at the International Manufacturing Technology Show (IMTS) in Chicago, USA (September 10-15); as well as the AMB international exhibition for metal working in Stuttgart (September 18-22). ISBE will also be showcasing their independently-developed tool drawing and virtual tool design software products.

ABOUT THIRD WAVE SYSTEMS, INC. Third Wave Systems (www.thirdwavesys.com) is a premier machining computer-aided engineering (CAE) provider. Its modeling products and services are used by progressive companies to dramatically reduce costs of machined components, accelerate design cycles, improve part quality, and get to market faster. This validated material modeling technology gives engineers access to more information than trial-and-error tests, allowing them to make better decisions. Third Wave is headquartered in Minneapolis (USA) with a remote office in Detroit (USA), representation in California (USA), and distributors throughout Europe and Asia.

ABOUT ISBE GMBH. ISBE GmbH (<u>www.isbe.de</u>) provides intelligent software solutions and services to tool manufacturers, as well as the manufacturing industry. The software company has assumed an innovative leadership role for the software-based development, simulation, optimization, and efficient production of cutting tools such as drills, mills, and reamers. ISBE GmbH was founded in 1997 and is located in Stuttgart.