Materialise Acquires Leading Polish Prototyping Center, e-Prototypy

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February 5th, 2014. Materialise is proud to announce the acquisition of e-Prototypy, Poland's leading provider of rapid prototypes and 3D Printing. e-Prototypy has been active in the Polish market since 2008 and has grown to become the market leader in this region. e-Prototypy offers a broad range of 3D printing solutions, with a specialization in the production of laser sintered components, and has invested in scanning and reverse engineering services in recent years.

Materialise has been a market leader in the Czech market, through its subsidiary in Usti Nad Labem CR, since 2004. "*With the acquisition of e-Prototypy, Materialise shows its commitment to further invest in the east-European market*", says Bart Van Der Schueren, Vice President Industrial Production, Materialise. "*Thanks to the acquisition, Polish customers will be gaining access to the vast production capacity of Materialise. Furthermore, current Materialise customers will benefit from access to the scanning and reverse engineering services of e-Prototypy*."

"*We see a lot of opportunities for growth in the Polish market and by joining Materialise, the e-Prototypy team looks forward to helping even more people in the region realize the benefits of the services and solutions we have to offer, As part of Materialise, our customers will be given access to even better service with a larger range of 3D Printing techno¬logies and they can benefit from Materialise's 23 years of experience in this industry*", says Grzegorz Sworobowicz, vice-CEO and co-founder of e-Prototypy.

About Materialise

With its headquarters in Leuven, Belgium, and branches worldwide, Materialise has been playing an active role in the field of Additive Manufacturing (AM) since 1990. In addition to having the largest capacity of AM equipment in Europe, Materialise also enjoys a stellar reputation as a provider of innovative software solutions. They have used their experience and expertise to create a better and healthier world through their involvement in AM for industrial and medical applications, and by providing bio-medical and clinical solutions such as medical image processing and surgical simulations. Materialise has developed unique solutions that make a world of difference for its many customers with their prototyping, production, and medical needs. These customers range from large companies in the automotive, consumer electronics, and consumables sectors; to famous hospitals, research institutes, and clinicians; to individual consumers interested in bringing their own unique creations to life through i.materialise or who want to purchase a celebrated .MGX design.

About e-Prototypy

Company Description

e-Prototypy S.A. is Poland's first comprehensive prototype center specializing in the production of fully functional prototypes using 3D printing and 3D scanning and in the direct production of small series (Direct Digital Manufacturing) using VC, CNC, SLS, DMLS. Through their technology, e-Prototypy allows for the production of finished, plastic products for small and medium-series, or one-offs, without the need for traditional molds.

Products and Services

The main offering of e-Prototypy S.A. are their "Rapid Prototyping" services- the production of physical models using various 3D Printing methods, including SLS, FDM, POLYJET, and DMLS. For FDM and SLS, the company has the largest working chambers in the region: FDM - 406x356x406 [mm] and SLS - 700x380x580 [mm]. Additionally, the company provides 3D scanning services - color deviation maps, reverse engineering, dimensional control of the physical detail with documentation. Dimensional scanning allows for the creation of a digital model using a physical object (Reverse Engineering), which e-Prototypy S.A. can then edit or change as well as make copies using incremental technologies.