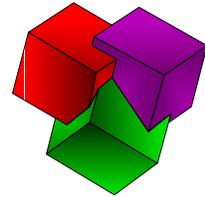


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## **News Release**

### ***For Immediate Release***

### **TOPS® ENGINEERING AND AUTOLOGIC SYSTEMS ANNOUNCE NEW SOFTWARE DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT**

**RICHARDSON**, Texas, July 1, 2004 – TOPS® Engineering Corporation and AutoLogic Systems Ltd (Slough, UK) announced today that they have signed a distribution contract giving AutoLogic Systems rights to distribute all products from TOPS Engineering within the UK and Ireland.

Under the agreement, AutoLogic Systems will market the TOPS® Pro software for package design, palletization and compression analysis together with the MaxLoad® Pro software for cargo load planning and optimization. TOPS® Pro is used by customers to reduce packaging and transport costs by optimizing case size and pallet patterns thus enabling customers to ship more products by truck or container. MaxLoad® Pro prepares optimal 3D loading plans for vehicles and containers, these improve cube efficiency resulting in fewer loads and immediate transport cost savings.

Established in 1993, AutoLogic Systems has a proven track record of distributing specialist software and has particular expertise within the logistics and manufacturing industries. Specializing in simulation and related products, the company has built a reputation for providing quality products backed by first class customer support.

Commenting on the announcement, Graham Carter, Joint Managing Director of AutoLogic Systems stated “We are excited by this new opportunity to promote the products from TOPS® Engineering that complement our existing business so well. Their solutions are clearly providing savings in packaging and transportation costs for customers worldwide. We believe there are excellent prospects for the products in a region where transport is such an issue and are proud to have been selected to market and support them on behalf of TOPS® Engineering.”

TOPS® Engineering already has a strong existing customer base in the territory and has committed itself to further expanding its European presence by the announcement of this agreement. Bill Rehring, President of TOPS® Engineering Corporation, confirmed the appointment of the new Distributor, saying “We are very pleased with the addition of AutoLogic Systems to our list of distributors. AutoLogic’s reputation for delivering excellence to its customers makes them a natural to help deliver TOPS® software solutions to new and existing customers alike.”

**About TOPS® Engineering Corporation**

TOPS® Engineering Corporation, incorporated in 1990, is the world leader in the development of innovative software for the distribution and packaging professionals. Its flagship products, "TOPS®Pro" - Package Design and Palletization software and "MaxLoad®Pro" - Cargo Load Planning and Optimization software, has over 8000 installed base worldwide and serves big and small corporations across wide industries. TOPS® also offers the first web-based package design software, TOPSePAC®, allowing package engineers to perform design and analysis anytime, anywhere, on any platform using any internet browser.

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**About AutoLogic Systems Ltd**

AutoLogic Systems Ltd is a leading provider of simulation and related products to industry. Founded in 1993, as UK Distributor for the world renowned AutoMod™ 3D simulation software, the company has grown an expertise in logistics and manufacturing simulation. This expertise is reflected in the active consulting, training and technical support services offered to customers. AutoLogic Systems includes Boots The Chemist, Littlewoods Home Shopping Group, Swisslog, BAA, Siemens Dematic, Exel, Alstec and many others among its client base.

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