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Genlock/Multiview Support Added to Linux & Solaris Graphics Drivers

3Dlabs Wildcat II 5110-G and Wildcat III 6210 Have Xi Graphics Support

DENVER ---- Xi Graphics, Inc. announced today the release of four high-performance OpenGL

Summit v2.1 graphics drivers containing support for 3Dlabs' Genlock/Multiview feature for two

of 3Dlabs' high-end graphics cards. Both the Wildcat II 5110-G and the Wildcat III 6210

graphics cards are supported by the new OpenGL graphics drivers, including stereo graphics

support, under Linux and Solaris operating systems on Intel/AMD 32-bit computer platforms.

The Summit v2.1 OpenGL graphics drivers utilize Xi Graphics' own OpenGL 1.2.1 compliant

rendering pipeline, and OGL libraries. Additionally, Xi Graphics designs its own x11R6.4

compliant X servers and the X services OS modules necessary for use with Linux or Solaris.

Thus, all critical software components of the graphics system are developed and supported by Xi

Graphics.

The Genlock/Multiview feature of the 3Dlabs Wildcat cards allows an array of graphics

cards/computer (a cluster) to be controlled and synchronized by a single graphics application in

such a way as to cause a number of displays to appear as one large, single 3D image, or as a set of

multiple coordinated (synchronized) displays (as in a cockpit environment). When viewed in

stereo, the effect can be quite dramatic. DCC, Video Production, CAVE, and Visual Simulation

professionals now have the ability to bring large and multiple display graphics capabilities to

Intel/AMD platforms running UNIX/Linux operating systems.

"We're very excited by this advancement", says VRCO's CTO Matt Szymanski. "The spatially

immersive display market has been trying to take advantage of the commodity PC products for

some time. With the Xi Graphics' support for genlock on Linux clusters I think a door has been

opened to make immersive technology affordable to the small and medium size businesses.

Existing users will also have a pathway to migrate to less expensive systems that can be upgraded frequently for taking advantage of the rapid technology advancements in PC graphics systems."

Each of the new Summit v2.1 graphics drivers is available in full product demo mode for free download from the Xi Graphics Web site for compatibility and performance testing. Users can purchase a Summit License Key on-line which when installed converts a demo into permanent product. A license is required for each Wildcat card on which the Accelerated-X Summit driver is used as permanent product. License Keys are priced at \$299 and \$379 for the Wildcat II 5110-G and Wildcat III 6210, respectively. Quantity discounts are available.

Customer support, which the Company claims is prompt, courteous and competent, is also free via phone and e-mail to its Denver, Colorado facilities.

About Xi Graphics Inc.

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