

## VRcontext acquires Visiospace

Brussels, Belgium – Paris, France: VRcontext has acquired French company Visiospace as part of a strategic move to maintain its leading technology profile in the real-time virtual reality market.

Today, VRcontext is leading profile in the real-time virtual reality market and by adding Visiospace's streaming 3D technology to the technology base of VRcontext, the company is strengthening its profile with a clear aim on future application of Walkinside™, the leading software application for the real time virtual reality market.

"We are a technology frontrunner in the real-time virtual reality market. We aim to be strategically placed where we can pick out new, emerging technologies and implement these for our customers to use. We provide services to off- and onshore energy, petrochemical and homeland security markets today – and we will increase our focus on delivering review, simulation and training solutions to these markets and others, where geographical distance between locations is a hindrance for smooth work flow." said Alain Hubrecht, CEO & President of VRcontext.

Jean Gillet, VP Sales & Marketing of VRcontext said "We are thrilled to be implementing streaming 3D technology – the Walkinside™ package that we are able to offer to our customers will become more powerful."

Patrice Ferréol, CEO of Visiospace said "We have proven the technology and with the implementation into Walkinside™, the technology is given its stamp of approval."

Visiospace was founded in 2000 and received an initial funding of 1,5 MEUR from Inria Transfert, la Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations and Axa – the company has won several prestigious awards for its proprietary ORIOON (On Request Intelligent Object Oriented Networking) technology.

### Streaming 3D technology – brief description

Streaming 3D is similar to streaming audio and video – the technology enables the user to successively download more detailed versions of the model / object. The user will immediately see a coarse model and will be able to start navigating without waiting for the full download. In addition, the user can exit the model at anytime and select a new model for review. The streaming 3D technology will enable remote users of Walkinside™ without dedicated viewers to comment models and speed up review processes or to conduct HSE planning in a model before encountering the real working conditions.

### Walkinside™ ([www.walkinside.com](http://www.walkinside.com))

Walkinside™ is a leading software application for the real time virtual reality market. The software able to instantly render very large, complex, computer generated 3D models. The software is targeted towards Energy, Homeland defense and Aerospace markets. The technology behind Walkinside™'s patented Real-Time Collision Detection® and Gravity Simulation® technology allows the users to immediately and effortlessly explore virtual reality generated models in contrast to other visualisation applications that only offer a complicated, pre-programmed walkthrough.

Walkinside™ is useful for project reviews, simulation facilities (VR centers), facility maintenance programs, safety and security training exercises; all being delivered in real-time, multi-users, LAN and Internet environments.

### About VRcontext ([www.vrcontext.com](http://www.vrcontext.com))

A spin-off from Tractebel Energy Engineering (Groupe Suez), VRcontext was formed to bring the power and enhanced realism of Walkinside™ virtual reality technology to the market place. VRcontext is committed to providing their customers with the most technologically advanced, cost-effective software products for visiting and interacting with the largest of 3D models.

### More information

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