



## PRESS RELEASE

### Walkinside™ nominated for innovation award

Brussels, Belgium – It is with great pride that VRcontext can announce that Walkinside™ has been nominated for the SME innovation award at ONS, the major European oil show, taking place in Stavanger between 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2004.

Walkinside™, a leading product within real time visualization of complex, massive 3D CAD models, has been developed to allow a broad group of offshore professionals to use the same visual reference frame.

During the conceptualization and design of a new facility, visualization is often a major help in getting the building elements placed and correctly distributed – Walkinside™ immerses the user into the environment and the user is able to walk in the model, feeling the layout of the facility. Collaboration and interaction within the virtual environment is among the key elements of Walkinside™. LAN, WAN or Internet connection allows distributed offices to share the same model environment and users can add “information tags” and review these within the model. Through having many users accessing the model, adding their comments, suggestions to the conceptualization and later alterations can to some extent be avoided.

Furthermore, the application process for certification and building permits (for onshore facilities) can be facilitated through the use of Walkinside™ as the proposed facility can be viewed from all angles and the surrounding environment can be implemented and become a natural part of the visualization.

#### Safety

The risks associated with working within the Oil & Gas sector makes safety of the personnel is a prime concern for the operators. Walkinside™ allows operators to manage these risks and to train personnel against them through the use of the virtual real-time environment, where hazards are equally real – but, the danger level significantly lower. Once the facility is constructed, whether on- or offshore, training of the personnel is facilitated in; safety procedures, primary and secondary safe escape routes, signage and safety equipment placement.

“It is very hard for us to describe the immense pride that we feel being nominated for this prestigious award. We have spend a lot of time in perfecting Walkinside™ to becoming a natural tool for the entire lifecycle of a facility, stretching from conceptualization to building, and eventually dismantling” said Jean Gillet, VP – Sales & Marketing. “Furthermore, not only will facility management stand an advantage from using the system, the same model can be used for the safety training of the personnel manning the facility – we can see how confidence in safety procedures grow when personnel have been exposed to hazard situations and through the training in the virtual environment, they understand the importance of the procedure and how they help in critical situations”.

We invite you to meet us at  
Hall J, Booth 932  
Stavanger, 24 – 27 August 2004

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

Walkinside™ is a leading software application for the real time virtual reality market. The software is able to instantly render very large, complex, computer generated 3D models. The software is targeted towards Energy, Homeland security & 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, non-intuitive 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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