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For immediate release

New TASKING toolset from Altium uses Viper compiler technology to increase code efficiency for TriCore

SYDNEY, Australia – May 14, 2003 – Altium Limited (ASX: ALU), a leading developer of Windows-based electronic design and development software, today announced the release of a new TASKING embedded software development toolset for the TriCore architecture that has been enhanced with next-generation Viper compiler technology. Altium internal benchmarking has shown increases in execution speed and decreases in code size of an average of 10% compared to the previous TASKING TriCore toolset. This new toolset excels in performance of generated code, completeness of features, architecture support, and compliance with industry standards.

The new toolset has been extensively tested to ensure compatibility with all leading third-party TriCore products such as emulators and RTOSs, and a project conversion tool is included with all packages to allow easy migration of existing projects from previous TASKING TriCore toolsets to the new toolset.

Pricing and availability

The TASKING TriCore VX-toolset is a complete, integrated embedded software development toolset consisting of the TASKING EDE, C/C++/EC++ compiler, assembler, linker / locator and CrossView Pro OCDS and simulator debugger.

The product is available for PC/Windows, PC/Linux and SUN/Solaris platforms. Prices start at US\$4,290 for the C/C++/EC++ compiler and simulator debugger package for PC/Windows.

Please visit www.tasking.com/products/tricore for more information on the TASKING TriCore VX-toolset, or go to www.tasking.com/company/contact.html for the details of your nearest Altium sales and support center.

About Altium Limited

Altium Limited (ASX: ALU), trading as Protel International Limited (ASX: PRI) prior to August 6, 2001, is a leading global developer and supplier of desktop Electronic Design Automation (EDA) and embedded software design tools for the Microsoft Windows environment.

Since the company's foundation in 1985 and its release of the world's first Microsoft Windows-based EDA tool in 1991, Altium has continued to apply the most advanced software design methods to provide powerful, easy-to-use and affordable design software to engineers and electronics designers worldwide.

Altium's current product brands include Protel, nVisage, P-CAD, TASKING, Accolade, CircuitMaker and CAMtastic. These products offer tailored solutions covering a range of hardware and software design processes.

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