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AEROSPACE, DEFENSE, ENERGY ENTERPRISES SOLVE MATERIAL DATA PROBLEMS

GRANTA MI release updates key references, provides comprehensive materials data management for aerospace, helps ABAQUS and ANSYS users

Cambridge - July 11, 2006 - Granta Design has announced the latest release of GRANTA MI™, the leading system for managing, analyzing, and applying materials information in engineering enterprises. GRANTA MI 1.2 solves materials data problems for materials experts, finite element analysts, design engineers, and managers in industries such as aerospace, defense, energy, and nuclear.

Engineers and analysts in these sectors need specialist materials property data to support product design. This design data is generated by materials experts who analyze and apply raw data consolidated from many sources and in a broad range of formats. Quality control, customer, or regulatory needs often demand that such data can be traced back through the design process to its source.

GRANTA MI 1.2 addresses these issues with new capabilities developed in collaboration with customers including the Material Data Management Consortium (MDMC). The MDMC is a group of a dozen leading engineering enterprises that includes NASA, Rolls-Royce, Honeywell, and Alcan. GRANTA MI 1.2 offers:

- Easy access to the new MMPDS-02 data, along with the latest ESDU MMDH. These are the authoritative sources for property information on aerospace alloys. GRANTA MI installs easily on a corporate network, providing quick and easy search and comparison for data from these references.
- Instant tracing of data. Such 'traceability' is very time-consuming for the typical engineering enterprise, but GRANTA MI can help! Users can now link any item of property data directly to information about its pedigree - for example, the document from which it was sourced, or the test results from which it was derived.
- Materials experts can store, search for, and view all of their materials data in one system, regardless of format. Examples are spreadsheets of test data and photomicrograph images that contain critical insight into alloys or composites. GRANTA MI now handles any document type including images, PDF and Microsoft Office documents, movies, and audio.
- Interfaces that help users of engineering simulation tools from ANSYS and ABAQUS to find and import the materials data that they need.

"This second of two releases during 2006 keeps up the pace of development that has seen GRANTA MI become the leading system for enterprise materials

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information management," says Dr David Cebon, Managing Director at Granta. "We are already working with our partners and customers to deliver the next major release."

About GRANTA MI

The accurate, efficient, and secure use of data about materials such as alloys, composites, plastics, and ceramics is essential to engineering enterprises. GRANTA MI creates a single corporate information resource for internal testing and design data and external references. Materials experts apply GRANTA MI's specialist materials analysis tools to this data, creating certified property information that GRANTA MI helps them to publish in a secure and controlled manner. Engineers and other professionals access and apply this information, for example in product design, assured that it is relevant, traceable, and the best available.

About Granta

Granta Design Limited is the materials information technology expert. Granta develops the leading software for materials information management in engineering enterprises, and the leading toolkit for materials engineering education. Granta serves sectors as diverse as aerospace, defense, energy, automotive, motor sport, electronic and electrical, medical devices, publishing, and material production. Customers realize multi-million dollar benefits in reduced cost, enhanced performance, improved quality, and speedier design. Granta was founded in 1994 as a spinout from the University of Cambridge and the work of Professor Mike Ashby and David Cebon.

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