



ACCEL-KKR AND ONTARIO TEACHERS' TO SELL ALIAS FOR \$182 MILLION

Menlo Park, CA and Toronto, Ontario – October 4, 2005 – Accel-KKR, a technology-focused private equity investment firm, and Teachers' Private Capital, the private investment arm of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, today announced that they have signed a definitive agreement to sell Alias, a developer of 3D graphics technology, to Autodesk, Inc. (NASDAQ: ADSK). Under the terms of the transaction, Accel-KKR, the majority shareholder in Alias, and its partner, Teachers' Private Capital, will sell their equity stakes in the company in a \$182 million cash transaction.

Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, Alias was founded in 1983 as Alias Research. The company's customers encompass many of the world's premier entertainment and manufacturing companies, including Industrial Light & Magic, DreamWorks SKG, Nintendo, General Motors and BMW, among others. Alias' product lines comprise sketching, animation, visual effects, design, modeling, rendering and reviewing solutions. MotionBuilder® is Alias' 3D character animation product, FBX® is widely used in the exchange and use of 3D content, and Maya® is the company's Academy Award-winning 3D application. Alias StudioTools is software for design tasks from 2D sketches to production models.

Doug Walker, President and CEO of Alias, said, "The success of Alias has in part been made possible by the investments made by Accel-KKR and Teachers' Private Capital following their acquisition of Alias from Silicon Graphics. We could not have asked for two better partners."

The transaction is anticipated to close within the next four to six months, and is subject to a number of closing conditions, including regulatory approval.

About Accel-KKR

Accel-KKR is a leading technology-focused private equity firm. Accel-KKR is one of the only private equity firms solely dedicated to buyout investments in technology businesses with \$15 million to \$150 million in revenue. Accel-KKR engages primarily in three types of transactions: acquisitions of public company subsidiaries and business units; acquisitions and recapitalizations of private companies; and going private transactions involving small/micro-cap public companies.

At the core of Accel-KKR's investment strategy is a commitment to developing strong partnerships with the management teams of its portfolio companies and a focus on building value through the contribution of unique financial, strategic, technical, and operational resources. For more information, please visit www.accel-kkr.com.

About Teachers' Private Capital

Teachers' Private Capital is the private investment arm of the C\$88 billion Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, which invests on behalf of 260,000 active and retired teachers in Ontario, Canada. With more than C\$9 billion in assets, Teachers' Private Capital is one of Canada's

largest private investors and is currently working with more than 100 companies and funds worldwide by providing long-term flexible financing.

Significant investments in the U.S. include Samsonite, Worldspan, Alliance Laundry Systems and the recently announced Doane Pet Care Company and National Bedding Co. In Canada, major investments include Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, Parmalat Canada, Yellow Pages, and Shoppers Drug Mart. Teachers' Private Capital specializes in providing private equity and mezzanine debt capital for large and mid-cap companies, venture capital for developing industries, and financing for a growing portfolio of infrastructure and timberland assets. For more information, please visit www.otpp.com.

About Alias

As a leading innovator of 3D graphics technology, Alias develops award-winning software, custom development and training solutions for the film and video, games, web, interactive media, automotive, industrial design, education and visualization markets. On March 1, 2003, for the awards year 2002, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded Alias|Wavefront an Oscar for scientific and technical achievement for the development of Maya software, the professional 3D animation and effects package. Alias also offers a powerful range of services for new to advanced users in the most demanding environments. Learning Tools and training, support, and professional services help meet rigorous production deadlines.

Entertainment customers include: CNN, Digital Domain, Disney, Electronic Arts, Industrial Light & Magic, Factor 5 LLC, Midway Games, Nintendo, Pacific Data Images (PDI)/DreamWorks SKG, SEGA, Sony Pictures Imageworks, Square Enix Co., Ltd., Warner Feature Animation and Weta Ltd. Design customers include AT&T, BMW, Boeing, Fiat, Ford, General Motors, Honda, Italdesign, Kodak, Kwikset, Mattel, Price Pfister, Renault, Rollerblade, Sharp, Trek Bicycle, Teague and Timex.

Alias is headquartered in Toronto with a Custom Development Center in Santa Barbara and offices worldwide. For more information, please visit www.Alias.com.

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