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TECHWORKS 3D GRAPHICS ACCELERATOR TO RUN ON RAMBUS DRAM

AUSTIN, Texas—March 3, 1997—TechWorks, Inc., a leading developer and manufacturer of high performance computer enhancement products, today announced its new 3D graphics accelerator supports Rambus DRAM, a high performance memory architecture currently used on workstations and other specialty devices. Rambus memory provides 500 megabytes per second of bandwidth and is more than 25% faster than VRAM. It is also now becoming the standard graphics controller used for PC graphics.

“Rambus welcomes this announcement by TechWorks as another step in the Rambus architecture to produce leading PC graphics memory and system memory in general,” said Subodh Toprani, Rambus vice president of marketing. “Our unique benefits of high performance, low design complexity and total system cost, make Rambus a logical choice for TechWorks’ new value leading 3D graphics board.”

Although Rambus DRAM is a significant development in 3D graphics technology, they are as affordable as conventional DRAMs, making them ideal for high-bandwidth 3D consumer applications. RDRAMs use a high-speed 8-bit-wide interface, which minimizes the number of controller pins required for the memory interface and allows the continued and cost-effective use of popular 208-pin packages.

A statement issued by Michael Slater of Microprocessor Report said that “DRAM interface, developed over 20 years ago, is outdated and has needed to be replaced for

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higher bandwidth. The Rambus memory interface, considered revolutionary for its high-speed, narrow interface, is very attractive for graphics systems that need hundreds of megabytes per second in bandwidth from only one or two DRAM components.”

“TechWorks’ 3D graphics board is a major step forward in 3D graphics design,” said Sid Shriver, TechWorks’ Director of Engineering. “It’s a significant offering for the games market because of its mainstream value and pricing coupled with the latest in 3D graphics technology. It’s to our advantage that the Rambus DRAM is the future of memory.”

TechWorks' mission is to be the leading supplier of computer enhancement products, and to maintain a 100% commitment to customer satisfaction. TechWorks produces more than 200 different enhancement products for more than 2500 different systems supporting numerous computers from many manufacturers, including, Acer, ALR, Apple, AST, AT&T, Compaq, Dell, Digital, Epson, Gateway, Hewlett Packard, IBM, NEC, Packard Bell, Silicon Graphics, Sun, Texas Instruments, Toshiba, and Zenith. TechWorks, Inc., founded in October of 1986, has more than 140 employees worldwide and distributes its products in more than 15 countries. The company's worldwide headquarters are in Austin, Tex., with European sales and service headquarters located in the United Kingdom. In 1995, TechWorks grossed \$ 130 million, making it one of the nation's 35 most successful privately-held companies. TechWorks can be found on the Internet at <http://www.techworks.com>.

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