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**VIRTUTECH SIMICS SELECTED FOR USE BY SMITHS AEROSPACE FOR SOFTWARE
DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING**

Virtutech's Software-Based Simulation Extends Into Avionics

SAN JOSE, Calif.—December 11, 2006— Virtutech, Inc., the leading provider of virtualized software development solutions for advanced electronic systems, today announced that Smiths Aerospace, a provider of components and systems for aircraft and engine builders, has selected Simics for use in their software development and testing. By choosing Simics to develop virtual models for its processing modules, Smiths will accelerate the software development and test process for current and future integrated modular avionics (IMA) programs.

With Simics, Smiths models the final target system to provide significant benefits compared to a traditional development environment, including reduced development and test costs, reduced integration costs, lower acquisition and maintenance costs, and reduced cost of change. The deterministic capability of virtualized software development allows the developer to recreate performance issues for in-depth inspection and diagnosis.

“Simics allows us to test our software and validate it while the underlying hardware design is being developed,” said Gerry Vossler, vice president, Advanced Marketing and Technology, Smiths Aerospace. “Having to wait for physical access to hardware still in design makes managing the integration of software from multiple sources extremely difficult. But by simulating the processing

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hardware with Simics, the development, integration and validation of the control software modifications can proceed ahead of hardware availability.”

“Smiths Aerospace’s use of Simics on their leading-edge avionics development projects is yet another endorsement of the value of Virtutech’s technology in developing complex electronic system software,” said John Lambert, president and CEO of Virtutech. “This is an important customer win for us, and we expect to see the use of Simics become more widespread in the avionics market.”

Virtutech’s virtualized software development platform, Simics, allows software developers to model hardware so accurately that the software cannot detect the difference between running on real production hardware and running on Simics. Any code — from application code to low-level code such as real-time operating systems, device-drivers, and protocol stacks — can run on Simics exceptionally fast.

About Smiths Aerospace

Smiths Aerospace, a part of Smiths Group, is a leading transatlantic aerospace systems and equipment company, with more than 11,000 employees and \$2 billion revenue globally. The company holds key positions in the supply chains of all major military and civil aircraft and engine manufacturers and is a world-leader in digital, electrical power, mechanical systems, engine components and customer services. www.smiths-aerospace.com

About Virtutech

Virtutech, Inc. is the leading provider of full-system simulation for advanced software development. Virtutech’s Simics is a revolutionary, award-winning simulator that provides a programmer-friendly environment for testing and debugging embedded software. Simics eliminates software developers’ dependence on test hardware and drives concurrent development, enabling its customers to lower capital expenditure, accelerate time to market and reduce project risk. Based on more than a decade of R&D and close collaboration with leading universities and systems vendors, Virtutech’s technology



serves the needs of the world's leading technology providers, including Cisco, EMC, Ericsson, Honeywell, IBM and Sun Microsystems.

Virtutech is headquartered in San Jose, Calif. For more information, visit www.virtutech.com.