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Stratasys Partners With the MTC to Make Additive Manufacturing a Catalyst for Driving Technological Change and Supporting Business Growth

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Additive Manufacturing an enabler for ‘design for performance’ and ‘mass customization’ – MTC

MINNEAPOLIS & REHOVOT, Israel--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Stratasys Ltd.](http://www.stratasys.com) (Nasdaq:SSYS), the 3D printing and additive manufacturing solutions company, has announced that it has partnered with the UK’s Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC), to spearhead the organization’s objective to demonstrate new processes and technologies that overcome barriers and push the boundaries of traditional manufacturing on an industrial scale.

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Working closely with its member ‘customers’, global manufacturing companies from multiple sectors, which include the likes of Airbus, BAE Systems, Rolls Royce and Siemens, the MTC focuses on delivering

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bespoke manufacturing system solutions.

The collaboration will see Stratasys work closely with the MTC to make additive manufacturing central to the projects undertaken in conjunction with its members, supporting the organization's role to research and advise industry on the technology's capabilities across multiple platforms.

Operating from its state-of-the-art facility in Coventry, the MTC is part of the High Value Manufacturing Catapult, which is supported by Innovate UK – the government agency tasked with identifying and driving science and technology innovations that will grow the UK economy.

“We aim to inspire great British manufacturing on the global stage and central to achieving this are our partnerships with leading technology providers like Stratasys, through whom we are deploying some of the world's most advanced, market-disruptive 3D printing based technology solutions,” says Ross Trepleton, Group Technology Manager: component technology, MTC.

“Working with Stratasys, we have a clear objective to demonstrate additive manufacturing technology's existing capabilities to our members and explore the opportunity to push the envelope in other areas,” he adds. “This includes the ability to produce end-use engineering components, as well as the capability to build complex parts with multiple materials and give multi-functionality to a single component, using 3D printing. We're also looking at the potential to functionally grade parts by material composition.”

Stratasys' collaboration with the MTC will see the organization deploy some of the most market-leading additive manufacturing technology available. This includes the Stratasys J750 full color, multi-material 3D Printer which breaks restrictive technology barriers by allowing customers for the first time to mix-and-match full color alongside an unprecedented range of materials. This enables the production of supremely realistic parts, in one print process, without the need for lengthy post-processing, assembly or painting.

“Additive manufacturing has been recognized as a key disruptive technology, and it continues to play an increasing role in realizing digital manufacturing and Industry 4.0,” continues Trepleton. “Right now, the MTC is developing the means to ensure that additive manufacturing is suitable for the end user, de-risking the technology for UK industry.”

“The MTC is the UK's renowned epicenter for developing and proving innovative manufacturing processes and technologies that equip companies with the know-how to compete on the global stage,” says Andy Middleton, President, Stratasys, EMEA. “This partnership and the integration of our technology solutions at the MTC underscores the fact that, more than ever, the UK is committed to exploring ways to bring growth to the UK economy and promote the real business benefits achievable from transformational technologies like additive manufacturing.”

About The Manufacturing Technology Centre

The MTC (Manufacturing Technology Centre) opened in 2011 and was founded by the University of Birmingham, Loughborough University, the University of Nottingham and TWI Ltd.

The MTC's industrial members include some of the UK's major global manufacturers.

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The MTC has been established to prove innovative manufacturing processes and technologies in an agile environment in partnership with industry, academia and other institutions.

It houses some of the most advanced manufacturing equipment in the world, creating a high quality environment for the development and demonstration of new technologies on an industrial scale. This provides a unique opportunity for manufacturers to develop new and innovative processes and technologies.

The areas of MTC's expertise are appropriate to both large and small companies and are applicable across varied industry sectors.

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About Stratasys: For more than 25 years, [Stratasys Ltd.](http://www.stratasys.com) (NASDAQ:SSYS) has been a defining force and dominant player in 3D printing and additive manufacturing – shaping the way things are made. Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Rehovot, Israel, the company empowers customers across a broad range of vertical markets by enabling new paradigms for design and manufacturing. The company's solutions provide customers with unmatched design freedom and manufacturing flexibility – reducing time-to-market and lowering development costs, while improving designs and communications. Stratasys subsidiaries include MakerBot and Solidscape, and the Stratasys ecosystem includes 3D printers for prototyping and production; a wide range of 3D printing materials; parts on-demand via Stratasys Direct Manufacturing; strategic consulting and professional services; and the Thingiverse and GrabCAD communities with over 2 million 3D printable files for free designs. With more than 2,700 employees and 1,200 granted or pending additive manufacturing patents, Stratasys has received more than 30 technology and leadership awards. Visit us online at: www.stratasys.com or <http://blog.stratasys.com/>, and follow us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/stratasys).

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