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**Fifth Dimension Technologies Accelerates Training with New Driving Simulator**

*Drivers are completing training 30% faster through 5DT’s VR solution*

San Francisco, CA, September 24­, 2017— Fifth Dimension Technologies has released its VR-enhanced drivers’ training solution, the Driving Simulator Series. Studies conducted over the last year demonstrate the benefits of this product: on average, drivers complete the state-mandated training in 30% less time than in a traditional classroom setting. Additionally, researchers have observed that drivers who trained through the Simulator experienced greater retention of the training material a month following the training, as well as nearly a 35% decrease in machine-related accidents in the six months after.

The simulator is a software that consists of realistic computer graphics of a landscape (choice of urban, rural, and highway) with cars, pedestrians, and various obstructions, as well as life-like sounds, and force feedback from the steering wheel. Included in the software are eye and head motion-tracking for assessing drivers’ focus, plus program modules that are adjustable to a range of driving conditions such as poor weather, dim lightening, or numerous obstacles. There are several configuration options, ranging from a single computer screen with a games-type steering wheel, to a 360 degree field of view and full vehicle cabin on a six degrees of freedom motion base. The simulator is available for an assortment of vehicles: automobiles, highway trucks, forklifts, and mining vehicles.

In an interview with John Hamm, early adopter of the Simulator and Regional Director of West Coast Trucking, he explained how his company has benefited from the product: “this has cut down our training costs and sped up the onboarding process. The quicker we can get these folks trained, the sooner they can start working.”

For Carol Dryer, Human Resources Manager at Appalachian Miners Co-op, the product solves another common problem: “Look we get these young adults, and we can’t get them to sit still and pay attention to a trainer. We put them in front of that screen, they feel like they’re playing a video game, and then they’re learning. The jobs these days involve some potentially dangerous equipment- it’s a huge risk- and they have got to know what to do in all sorts of situations.”

Fifth Dimension Technologies is a global software company specializing in developing training solutions that are enriched with VR for the aerospace, defense, mining, construction, and trucking industries. Contact 5DT sales department for a consultation on a training solution that fits your business needs.

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