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FLAHARTY IS PRESIDENT, NEW COO OF 3D SYSTEMS

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VALENCIA - 3D Systems Corp., a pioneer in computer solid imaging, has named Grant R. Flaharty president and chief operating officer.

Flaharty has been executive vice president of global operations since December for the Valencia company, which manufactures devices that create three-dimensional models from computer images.

Previously, he was senior vice president of worldwide sales and marketing. Flaharty joined 3D Systems as worldwide controller in 1998 and was named vice president, general manager, of 3D Systems, Europe, in September 1999.

"I have worked closely with Grant for the past 2 1/2 years in developing the company's strategic direction," said Chief Executive Officer Brian K. Service, who also had the title of president. "Grant has been the driving force in the market acceptance of advanced digital manufacturing applications."

Service said Flaharty's appointment gives him the opportunity to focus on the company's direction. The market for rapid prototyping is cyclical, and Service hopes to use the current slow period to develop the manufacturing and tooling sides of the industry.

The announcement came Tuesday, before today's release of third- quarter results.

3D was founded in 1986 and boasts products that help reduce the time and cost of designing products for manufacture.

3D Systems utilizes patented technologies to create physical objects from digital input that can be used in design communication, prototyping and as functional products.

Product pricing in the United States ranges from \$49,995 for the ThermoJet printer, to \$799,000 for the high-end SLA 7000 system.

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