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**3D FILES SUITS TO PROTECT PATENTS**

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VALENCIA - 3D Systems Corp. of Valencia filed two lawsuits seeking to protect patents used in its technology - creating three- dimensional models from computer images.

The first action was filed in U.S. District Court in Texas against Advanced Manufacturing Engineering Systems of Nevada, Iowa. 3D Systems asserts that AMES is infringing 3D Systems' patents by using laser- sintering powder materials supplied by a German company, Electro Optical Systems GmbH and its subsidiary, EOS of North America Inc.

3D Systems' patents prohibit the use in the United States of EOS powder materials in its systems and those previously sold by Texas- based DTM Corp., which it acquired last year.

"We believe we have overwhelming evidence to document our claims of patent infringement by AMES," Brian K. Service, 3D Systems' president and chief executive officer, said in a statement.

In the ongoing EOS v. DTM/3D Systems action in Federal District Court in California, 3D Systems filed a motion seeking a preliminary injunction to force EOS to stop selling the laser-sinering powders in the U.S.

"We intend to vigorously defend our patent rights in the U.S. and abroad to prevent misuse of our intellectual property such as this," Service said.

The point of contention is whether EOS can sell products produced by DTM before last year's merger.

"Contrary to public statements by EOS, 3D Systems remains fixed in its opinion that EOS does not have any rights to DTM patents and licensed rights, all of which were acquired by 3D Systems in the acquisition of DTM," Service said. "The fact remains that EOS does not have the right to sell laser sintering systems in the U.S."

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