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**Design Data, Autodesk® Announce New BIM Integration Via SDS/2 Automatic Connection Design**

LINCOLN, NEB., May 9, 2011 – Design Data, a leading provider of 3D detailing and Building Information Modeling (BIM) software, announced a new integration between its SDS/2 software solutions and Autodesk® Revit® Structure. The collaboration — which will be demonstrated for the first time at NASCC: The Steel Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 11-14 streamlines the BIM workflow with new technology and interoperability. More robust than an IFC exchange, the collaboration will result in truly seamless transfers of building information modeling (BIM) data.

Through this integration, automated connection design is widely available to the AEC industry inside the tools they are accustomed to using for BIM projects. Now Revit users can seamlessly transfer their models and connections to the steel detailers on the project using SDS/2's intelligent connection design. This level of interoperability will preserve the architect's and engineer's information in a way that maintains the accuracy necessary for steel detailing and manufacturing—enhancing the BIM work process.

"The strength of SDS/2 software solutions is in its connection design and detailing accuracy. By integrating with Revit, our strengths become more valuable than ever to the AEC industry," said Design Data President Damon Scaggs. "This integration with Revit is advantageous to all the partners on a BIM project, allowing each company to excel in its respective part of the BIM work process."

"I am pleased that our Partnership with Design Data has quickly delivered valuable content for our mutual customers," said Nicolas Mangon, Autodesk Building Business Line Director, "Both in terms of expanding the BIM footprint by delivering tight BIM to fabrication workflows and also by driving steel connection design directly inside the Revit Structure environment, allowing structural engineers to make rational decisions around connections earlier in the design process."

**About Autodesk**

Autodesk, Inc., is a leader in 3D design, engineering and entertainment software. Customers across the manufacturing, architecture, building, construction, and media and entertainment industries -- including the last 16 Academy Award winners for Best Visual Effects -- use Autodesk software to design, visualize and simulate their ideas. Since its introduction of AutoCAD software in 1982, Autodesk continues to develop the broadest portfolio of state-of-the-art software for global markets. For additional information about Autodesk, visit [www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com).

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### **About Design Data**

Headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska since 1981, Design Data produces innovative BIM software for the steel industry's engineering, detailing and fabrication sectors. SDS/2 software products provide automatic detailing, engineering information, fabrication data and much more, reducing the time required to design, detail, fabricate and erect steel. For additional information, visit <http://www.sds2.com>.

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