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Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., Enhances Drawing and Reporting/Publishing Capabilities with the Release of Version 7.0

Toronto, Canada, February 24, 2003 - Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., (ACD/Labs) announces the release of ACD/ChemSketch version 7.0, the chemical drawing software package which enables users to quickly and easily draw molecules, reactions and schematic diagrams, calculate properties, and design professional reports and presentations in an easy-to-use interface.

ACD/ChemSketch is the portal to ACD/Labs' entire range of chemical and spectroscopic prediction, processing and database software packages, and enables chemists to easily transform data from any ACD/Labs application into first-class publications. Complete with a range of fully expandable options, ACD/ChemSketch is ACD/Labs' front-end program for most of our chemistry software components. With the complete suite of scientific solutions, the ACD/ChemSketch interface can be used to quickly and accurately predict, process, analyze, and store chemical data. This powerful software package provides versatile tools for any type of chemist.

Bundled with ACD/ChemSketch to provide the most comprehensive drawing package in the world, are ACD/Dictionary, ACD/Tautomers, ACD/3D Viewer, ACD/Name (Restricted Freeware Version), ACD/Labs Extension for ChemDraw, ACD/I-Lab Add-on for ChemSketch, ACD/ChemPalm, ACD/ChemPalm Extension for ChemDraw, ACD/ChemPalm Add-ins for ISIS (Base/Host or Draw), and ACD/ChemBasic. These added features enable users to access more than 103,000 systematic and non-systematic names, registry numbers and abbreviations, produce 3D representation of a chemical structure, check and generate tautomeric forms of drawn organic structures, process an IUPAC name for a structure, integrate ACD/ChemSketch with third-party software, transfer structures to a Palm® OS-based PDA, and customize routine tasks.

Flexibility and customizability of the ACD/ChemSketch users interface has been dramatically improved in version 7.0. Toolbars are now contemporary and customizable to enable users to select and design a toolbar that is best suited for their specific needs, therefore increasing workspace. Reach less frequently used toolbar buttons that you have eliminated from the toolbar through a new popup window.

Scientists are able to calculate and predict various chemical properties such as chemical formula, molecular weight, percentage composition, density, and refractive index. The new structure search system enables users to search, locate, and transfer a structure or substructure from various file formats to ACD/ChemSketch.

An advanced feature in ACD/ChemSketch version 7.0 allows users to send chemical structures to any standard Palm® OS-based PDA and view them on the handheld screen using ACD/ChemPalm. ACD/ChemPalm is seamlessly integrated with ACD/ChemSketch and ACD/ChemFolder to enable storing, browsing, and searching of sophisticated chemical databases containing structures and accompanying



analytical information on any handheld. Up to approximately 20,000 structures can be stored and searched on a standard 8MB PDA for convenient access.

"ACD/ChemSketch is now used as a molecular structure drawing package on over a quarter of a million computers worldwide! With version 7.0 we enable handheld chemistry. Structures drawn in ACD/ChemSketch can now be synchronized to a PDA operating under the Palm Operating System and viewed in ACD/ChemPalm," comments Antony Williams, Ph.D., VP of Scientific Development and Marketing at ACD/Labs.

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