

Altium Designer now with Live Links to Polish Distributor Transfer Multisort Elektronik (TME)

Altium Launches supply chain data link to TME's extensive electronic component catalog allowing designers to specify components directly within the design environment.

Karlsruhe, Germany - 23 October 2013 – Altium Limited, a global leader in Smart System Design Automation, 3D PCB design (Altium Designer) and embedded software development (TASKING) announces the cooperation with Polish distributor Transfer Multi Sort Elektronik (TME), one of the biggest electronic components distributors in Central and Eastern Europe.

A key to any design is the search for these required circuit components – what is available? What functionality is offered? How much does it cost? How about the lead time? Often, a comparison between multiple suppliers will be undertaken, ensuring the best 'deal' is achieved for the 'building blocks' required by the design. While a printed catalog faithfully obliges with content as you fan its copious pages, to have such information at your fingertips, live as you design, and linked to the components themselves, is a far more attractive proposition.

To help electronic designers make the right decision in shorter time, Altium has added [TME](#) to the extensive list of live supplier search capabilities in Altium Designer with their new version, [Altium Designer 14](#). The live link to TME's online component catalog allows designers to make better upfront component selections and design decisions. By searching for components with a complete understanding of cost and availability, overall BOM costs can be better controlled leading to cost savings. Visibility of component stock level helps to avoid unexpected delays when going to production. Because the TME's online catalog can be searched at any point during the design flow, wasted time spent in design revisions due to cost control or availability challenges can be avoided completely.

"As one of Europe's most innovative companies and Poland's leading distributor of electronic components, TME's commitment to supporting the electronics design industry is what drew us to add support for their extensive online component catalog", noted Frank Krämer, Director of Global Solution Marketing & Partnerships for Altium.

The online component catalog link also improves designer productivity by allowing key technical data about components from TME's catalog to be automatically embedded in the

design itself. At release time, procurement and buying staff can be provided with a BOM that includes TME's part numbers to facilitate ease of ordering.

When using vault-based components, the link to the online component catalog can be managed across an entire design team. Supplier and component alternatives can be controlled and managed allowing for a much smoother flow from design team to procurement and production teams.

By allowing designers to make component selections which balance the technical requirements with the supply chain implications at design time, benefits are recognized across the entire company.

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About TME

Transfer Multisort Elektronik (TME), is one of the biggest distributors of electronic, electro-mechanical, industrial automatic components as well as workshop equipment in Central and Eastern Europe. The company employs almost 300 employees in its headquarters in Poland and subsidiaries in Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Germany.

Formed in 1990, TME is a family company that started out in a small shop offering electronic components for service and small production purposes. Along with the development of Polish economy as well as economies of other of Central and Eastern Europe countries, TME has gained new customers and introduced new product groups to

its offering.

Since then, TME has developed its extensive online catalog, backed by a modern logistics center, and ISO 9001:2001 certification. TME is a supplier to tens of thousands of companies in more than 96 countries and sends almost 2000 packages a day. Leading electronic component brands and products can be found among the more than 115,000 products offered by TME. For more information, visit www.tme.eu.

About Altium

Altium Limited (ASX:ALU) is an Australian multinational software corporation that focuses on 3D PCB design, electronics design and embedded system development software.

Altium Designer, a unified electronics design environment links all aspects of smart systems design in a single application that is priced as affordable as possible. Altium's embedded software compilers are used around the globe by carmakers and the world's largest automotive Tier-1 suppliers.

With this unique range of technologies Altium enables electronics designers to innovate, harness the latest devices and technologies, manage their projects across broad design 'ecosystems', and create connected, intelligent products.

Founded in 1985, Altium has offices worldwide, with US locations in San Diego and Boston, European locations in Karlsruhe, Amersfoort, Kiev, Moscow, Zug and Asia-Pacific locations in Shanghai, Tokyo and Sydney. For more information, visit www.altium.com. You can also follow and engage with Altium via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).