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Cybernet Systems Releases Virtual Solar System 3-D Software for Use in Classroom Science Projects

Astronomicon: Celestial Construction Tool Kit lets teachers create virtual models of the solar system to explain eclipses, planet rotation and other astronomical events

Ann Arbor, MI, November 13, 2003 — Cybernet Systems Corporation, an Ann Arbor-based research and development firm focused on advancing the state of human-machine interaction, today announced the general availability of Astronomicon: Celestial Construction Tool Kit for educational use. This 3-D modeling software allows teachers and students to construct solar systems to explore fundamental science concepts about the universe, including planetary motion and light.

Astronomicon: Celestial Construction Tool Kit is an offshoot of a joint research project conducted by Cybernet Systems and the University of Georgia's College of Education through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

"Astronomicon was used last summer with fifth, sixth and seventh grade students to create a virtual solar system to teach the dynamics of space," explained Dr. Kenneth E. Hay, research scientist in the Learning and Performance Support Lab at the University of Georgia's College of Education. "Attendees at our 'Apprenticeship in Cyberspace' summer camp used the software to pose hypothetical questions to better understand the intricacies of our universe – for example, to learn what would happen if the planets were rearranged."

"Astronomicon: Celestial Construction Tool Kit is an interactive teaching tool that challenges students to ask similar questions about the universe to those that are currently the subject of scientific research," said Charles J. Cohen, Ph.D., vice president

of Cybernet Systems. "Its enthusiastic acceptance in Georgia proves that students respond well to hands-on opportunities for learning about astronomy."

Astronomicon: Celestial Construction Tool Kit is now available directly from Cybernet Systems. Base price varies depending on configuration requirements.

About Cybernet Systems

Cybernet Systems Corp. is a profitable, rapidly growing technology-based company focused on developing products that combine software and Internet intelligence with human-machine interaction. Cybernet has successfully leveraged its wealth of intellectual property to bring force feedback technology to market in the form of game controllers and joysticks, introduced a line of Linux-based Internet appliance software, and launched a PC game enhancement software product. The company continues to innovate in the areas of Internet medical systems, large-scale distributed network training and gaming and gesture control interface technology. Additional information on Cybernet Systems is available on the web at www.cybernet.com.

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