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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **ASCENT and Autodesk Inc. Announce Courseware Licensing Agreement**

*First official licensed courseware title released in November*

**Mississauga, Canada, November 15, 2004** – Rand A Technology Corporation [TSX:RND], operating as RAND Worldwide® (“the Company”), today announced that ASCENT - Center for Technical Knowledge™, has established a licensing agreement with Autodesk Inc. to publish selected titles under the *Autodesk Official Training Courseware* (AOTC) brand.

The first AOTC title using ASCENT content, **Autodesk® VIZ 2005 Level 1**, was released on November 11, 2004.

“We are delighted to be able to complement our existing courseware offerings with titles from ASCENT,” explains Eugene Evon, Sr. Manager, Courseware Programs. “Our partners have been universally positive in their assessment of ASCENT courseware.”

“ASCENT is very excited to team with Autodesk in the delivery of new training solutions through the AOTC program,” said Joe Oswald, EVP, RAND Worldwide. “As an Autodesk partner for more than 15 years, our team continues its dedication to development of the most effective, high-quality knowledge solutions for Autodesk’s wide range of products.”

#### **About Autodesk Official Training Courseware**

The Autodesk Official Training Courseware program delivers courseware solutions for Autodesk software products. AOTC is the only source of authorized or approved professional-level courseware, and it is used by Autodesk Training service providers to deliver instructor-led classes to their customers. For more information, see <http://www.autodesk.com/aotc>.

#### **About RAND Worldwide**

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