

# **Softelec Releases New Software to Index Scanned Drawings and Geographical Images and Export Directly to Digital Archives**

*New Product **VPindex** Helps A/E/C, M-CAD, Civil Engineering, and Archiving Professionals Save Time and Money*

**Munich, November 1, 2003** — Companies from all over the world are using Softelec software to efficiently design, modify, convert, manage, and share digital drawing information and to eliminate time-consuming data conversion. Expanding the capabilities of their VPHybridCAD family, Softelec, the world's technology leader in processing combined vector and raster (=hybrid) drawings, announced today the availability of a new product **VPindex**.

Softelec's VPindex gives customers the clean-up, calibration and file conversion tools of VPHybridCAD plus the automated identification of the Title Block with recognition of its contents. This information can be directly written into the customers Electronic Document Archiving System (EDM), or exported to an indexed CD. This entire process can run unattended with thousands of scanned drawings.

## **Features of VPindex**

Softelec's new VPindex is a part of the entire Softelec workflow concept. While VPHybridCAD gives customers the most intuitive interface and facilities for designing and modifying raster scans, VPindex simplifies the management of these drawings by directly extracting Title Block content to the customer's digital archive.

The easy-to-use wizard guides the customer step-by-step through the setup of the batch process. After selection of the scanned files (raster files), and definition of basic raster clean-up functions (like despeckling, rubbersheeting, cutting to a certain paper format, rotation according to title block orientation, etc.), VPindex provides recognition of the contents of the Title Blocks.

After processing, the user can quickly verify the Title Block data, drawing-by-drawing, interactively, or perform the reviewing process after all drawings have been indexed (e.g. the next day).

With the built-in ODBC interface, VPindex is able to export or append this data directly to the customer's archive database. Output of this data to an HTML format is also possible, e.g. to create a CD.

## **Benefits of VPindex**

Improved document quality, fast retrieval, and high cost-savings in Product-Lifecycle-Management (PLM) of customer's legacy drawing assets already benefit Softelec customers around the globe. With the ability to perform unattended processing overnight, VPindex provides quick ROI (return-of-investment) by saving time and money.

## Availability and Purchasing Options

Softelec's VPindex is currently available in English. For more information on pricing, contact your local Authorized Softelec Distributor or Reseller.

For downloading full functional demo versions, go to [www.softelec.com](http://www.softelec.com).

## About softelec

Softelec is the world's technology leader in design and conversion software for scanned technical drawings and color images. Softelec's products help customers in the areas of A/E/C, M-CAD, GIS, and EDM to leverage the value of their legacy design data in today's digital environment. **VPHybridCAD** features include: clean-up, rubber-sheeting, raster-to-vector conversion, CAD-like raster/pixel design and alteration, color support and AutoCAD compliancy. Softelec's **VPindex** automatically identifies important index information in drawings to export them to any EDM system or database. **VPview** is an affordable tool to redline and compare drawings. For more information about the company, see [www.softelec.com](http://www.softelec.com).

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