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Sectra and Voxar sign clinical solutions agreement

The Swedish medical technology and IT company Sectra, has signed a clinical solutions agreement with Voxar, one of the leading 3D medical imaging companies, for the integration of Voxar's 3D imaging technology in Sectra's digital radiology systems.

As a result of this agreement it will be possible to use advanced 3D display and rendering tools from Voxar's Plug n View 3D software, as a part of Sectra's workstation for digital radiology.

Through co-operations of this kind, Sectra strives to increase customer benefit, delivering the latest clinical innovations with a partner network of highly specialized companies. The agreement with Voxar is one of several special partner applications that Sectra will present at the annual RSNA radiology congress in Chicago, November 25-30 2001.

Voxar develops 3D imaging software that allows radiologists to generate 2D and 3D views from computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) medical scan data. The easy-to-use software makes it possible to work with large datasets and communicate findings quickly to referring physicians, improving clinical workflow and the speed and accuracy of treatment planning.

"This cooperation with Sectra will increase Voxar's availability in European and global markets, allowing Voxar to offer users of Sectra's workstation access to leading 3D technology with real clinical benefits," says Andrew Bissell, Voxar's chief executive officer.

The 3D software will be opened directly from Sectra's digital radiology system, so the user will access the new functionality in one click and experience a single application. This seamless integration simplifies the user's work, since it is no longer necessary to switch between different programmes or indeed different workstations, to use the two products in parallel.

"Sectra works with open systems. In order to further increase our customer's benefit from our product we give other suppliers the opportunity to integrate their clinical applications on top of our workstations," says Anders Brodin, product manager at Sectra Imtec.

"With this kind of cooperations we create, as the only company in the business, a large selection of high quality applications (plug-ins) on a single platform" says Torbjörn Kronander, president of Sectra Imtec. "All with the aim of maximising the benefit that the customer gets from our platform for digital radiology."

Sectra is one of today's major PACS providers with more than 200 PACS installations worldwide. The Swedish based company operates through partners in most of the world, but delivers directly to end customers in Northern Europe. The core business is to deliver top-of-the-line high-availability, robust enterprise PACS for 24/7 operation. In Sweden, which is currently the country with the largest penetration of PACS in the world, Sectra holds a dominant market leadership with more than 60% of all film free installations. The company has its largest number of installed systems in Sweden and the US (through partners), but has also an installed base in Germany, Norway, Finland, UK, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands and the Far East.

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Sectra's operations

Sectra has its roots in Linköping Technical University and is one of Sweden's fastest growing high-tech companies in the IT area. Since the mid-1980s, Sectra has successfully conducted development and sales of high-technology medical IT and telecommunications products. Today, the business includes products in medical systems, secure communication systems and wireless information systems.

Sectra's medical business is conducted in Sectra Imtec AB, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sectra AB. Internationally, Sectra PACS is marketed and sold through different partners.

Business is conducted in six countries with a total of 185 employees. Sales for the fiscal year May 2000–April 2001 reached SEK 292 million. Since March 1999, Sectra's shares have been quoted on the O list of the OM Stockholm Exchange.

About Voxar Limited

Founded in 1995, Voxar is one of the world's leading companies in 3D medical visualisation. Headquartered in Edinburgh, Scotland, Voxar has offices and representation across North America, Asia-Pacific and Europe. Voxar Inc., its wholly owned US subsidiary, has offices in Boston, Massachusetts and Voxar (Canada) Inc. its wholly owned Canadian subsidiary has an office in Toronto.

The growth and success of Voxar is built on its technology, which allows the rapid rendering and display of 3D medical scan images (e.g., Computed Tomography (CT), Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Ultrasound, etc.) on standard PC hardware. This technological advantage is being exploited in its own product offerings, Plug n View 3D and Voxar Colonscreen, and as part of bespoke development contracts with major medical imaging OEMs. The company's customer base extends from Japan, throughout Europe and into the US.

Further information on Voxar and Plug n View 3D and Voxar Colonscreen is available at <http://www.voxar.com>

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