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## **HP and DiSTI Join Forces to Reinvent Enterprise Training Using Virtual Reality**

*Global alliance combines HP's powerful VR solutions with DiSTI's advanced development platform.*

**STUTTGART, Germany, International Training & Education Conference (May 15, 2018)** – To address the growing demand for high-impact, cost-effective virtual reality (VR) training, HP Inc. today announced an alliance with the DiSTI Corporation, a leading global provider of VR and advanced human machine interface development solutions. The companies will work together to develop unique VR training solutions for enterprise customers, with a specific focus on maintenance and operations training for complex systems such as vehicle, aircraft and industrial equipment.

VR has become an effective training tool across many industries and it's expected to grow to an \$18 billion market by 2022<sup>1</sup>. VR developers can create and interact with complex simulations, a form of participatory learning that's more effective than traditional training programs. With HP's Z VR Backpack, the most powerful wearable PC VR ever created, training becomes more seamless and realistic with an untethered VR experience. VR training has also been shown to positively impact employee recruiting and retention<sup>2</sup> for enterprise customers.

"Virtual reality is creating tremendous opportunities for companies to reinvent workflows and unleash innovation. HP has built powerful commercial VR capabilities and we're excited to work with industry-leading partners like DiSTI to create the immersive experiences of the future," said Jay Fraser, global head of VR for training, HP Inc. "HP's versatile and high-powered devices, combined with DiSTI's VE Studio® development platform, will empower customers to create cost-effective VR training solutions that safely replicate real-world environments and processes in rich detail."

Starting today, HP and DiSTI will offer end-to-end enterprise virtual training solutions<sup>3</sup> – from development to deployment – based on HP's VR-ready hardware and DiSTI's VE Studio® Development Platform. Customers can use the VE Studio suite to develop their own virtual training applications or have DiSTI and HP professional services teams assist in designing and building their solutions. HP's comprehensive hardware portfolio features HP Z Desktop Workstations, including the most powerful workstations on the planet<sup>4</sup> – the HP Z8 Workstation; the HP ZBook 17 Mobile Workstation, and the HP Z VR Backpack, the world's first professional wearable VR PC<sup>5</sup>. VE Studio® enables rapid and cost-effective development and creates accurate hands-on experiences while HP hardware seamlessly delivers them via fast processing power and high-fidelity graphics.

"There is tremendous market demand for enterprise-level virtual training solutions that can be rapidly implemented, are cost effective and can be developed and managed by internal staff," said John Cunningham, Chief Revenue Officer of DiSTI.

"Many companies have identified the need to implement VR enabled training but struggle with how to get started and scale due to the lack of internal expertise and the availability of cost-effective solutions. We are excited that HP has made a commitment to virtual training with the establishment of the VR – unit and look forward to this relationship which will accelerate industry adoption of VR Training."

For over 20 years, DiSTI has developed 3D virtual training solutions for companies such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Nissan Motors and have developed a patented and proven database-driven development platform called VE Studio which dramatically reduces the time and cost of developing 3D training solutions and allows for reuse of content for delivery to

desktop, mobile and virtual reality devices. By integrating VE Studio with HP's VR-ready products the companies can offer enterprise customers with a cost-effective end-to-end training solution.



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**The DiSTI Corporation is the world's leading provider of 3D virtual training solutions and graphical user interface software.**

Our flagship product, GL Studio, delivers advanced high-performance 3D user interfaces to the aerospace, automotive, medical, and training industries. Leading global manufacturers such as Jaguar Land Rover, Boeing, and Lockheed Martin choose GL Studio for its performance, fidelity, and reliability in interface development and deployment. Whether for avionics, instrument clusters, infotainment systems, medical devices, or flight simulators, GL Studio exceeds the developer's interface demands.

DiSTI's user interface technology also expands into 3D virtual maintenance training solutions. DiSTI's VE Studio is the world's leading platform for managing the development of complex 3D virtual environments for use on desktop, mobile, and virtual and mixed reality training applications. VE Studio manages the entire development process including requirements analysis, content development, and automated software builds and regression testing.

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Footnotes:

1. <http://www.adweek.com/digital/how-enterprise-virtual-reality-is-transforming-everything-from-training-to-medical-treatments/>
2. <https://www.wired.com/story/when-vr-training-makes-the-job-look-better-than-it-is/>
3. The solution is available from DiSTI® with select HP workstations and commercial PCs. Contact your HP sales representative for complete details.
4. Based on desktop workstations as of June 14, 2017 and power based on processor, graphics, memory, and power supply.
5. Based on detachables of vendors as of October 3, 2017. Power based on processor, graphics and memory.