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### **WEIDMÜLLER and the IGE+XAO Group Sign a Strategic Worldwide Partnership.**

**Hannover - Toulouse - Detmold – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005** – WEIDMÜLLER and the IGE+XAO Group announce that they have signed a worldwide strategic partnership during the Hannover Fair.

This partnership covers both technical and commercial issues. The first issue is to develop data exchange between WEIDMÜLLER's and IGE+XAO's products. In so doing, Weidmüller's "RailDesigner" (terminals configuration software) and "PrintJet" (labelling printer) and IGE+XAO's Electrical CAD packages "SEE Electrical Expert" and "CADdy<sup>++</sup>/SEE Electrical" will communicate.

Second, the two companies will team up worldwide in order to conduct cross-selling and marketing operations. Together, the two companies cover 70 different countries in Europe, America and Asia/Far-East.

Thomas H. Hagen, WEIDMÜLLER's Chairman quotes: "With this cooperation, we enable users from the machine tools and plant engineering fields an easy and fast access to our products range." For Alain Di Crescenzo, IGE+XAO's CEO: "This strategic partnership between two key global players represents a strong added value for customers, as well as a major competitive advantage for both groups".



Alain di Crescenzo (left) and Thomas H. Hagen

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### ABOUT WEIDMÜLLER:

WEIDMÜLLER is the worldwide manufacturing leader in components for electrical connections technologies. During the financial year 2004, WEIDMÜLLER realized a turnover of 360 million euros with 2.300 employees worldwide.

### ABOUT THE IGE+XAO GROUP:

For over 18 years, the **IGE+XAO Group** has been a software editor designing, producing, selling and ensuring the maintenance of a range of Computer-Aided Design software (called "CAD"). These CAD software products have been designed to help manufacturers design and maintain the electrical part of any installation. This type of CAD is called "Electrical CAD". **IGE+XAO** has built a complete range of Electrical CAD software applications designed for all industry fields. **IGE+XAO** products may either run on a stand-alone computer or be deployed on a network. **IGE+XAO** has 300 employees spread out in 19 locations and 11 countries. With more than 41,000 licenses sold throughout the world, **IGE+XAO** is a reference in its domain.

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