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Contex's New XD2490 Scanner Revolutionizes the AEC Market by Enabling Improved Efficiency and Fast Communications at a Ground-breaking Price

Alleroed, Denmark, September 14, 2009 -- Contex, the world-leading developer of wide format scanning and imaging solutions, today announced the first professional wide-format scanner with a suggested retail price under \$4,000 USD, excluding freight and local taxes (price may vary by region). The XD2490 scanner provides architects, engineers and construction personnel with the first affordable way to scan and communicate drawing changes directly from the field. Contex designed the XD2490 scanner for businesses who want to improve efficiency, reduce costly delays and mistakes and offer greater service to their customers. With the XD2490, users can mark-up drawings, then quickly and easily Scan-to-Email to communicate the drawing change with other team members. Drawings can also be copied for distribution to team members in the field or archived to a file server.

This 24-inch sheet-feed scanner is rugged enough for the construction site, and small enough to transport between locations. Contex's advanced CIS technology ensures scanner stability during transport. The XD2490 comes standard with Nextimage SCAN, and is upgradeable to Nextimage SCAN+COPY. The XD2490 provides precise, accurate images with high 1200 dpi optical resolution. It scans at up to 240 A1/D size drawings per hour in color and up to 514 drawings per hour in monochrome. It saves file space with intelligent 8-bit index color scanning, as well as accurately capturing full 48-bit color and 16-bit grayscale image data, making it ideal for archiving applications.

"The rugged, portable XD2490 scanner can be used right at the construction site," says Niels Appel, Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing. "This enables AEC customers to update their drawings and immediately communicate the changes to their team via Scan-to-Email. With its low budget price, the XD2490 provides a return on investment not previously seen in this market sector by improving workflow efficiency and saving time and resources. Innovations like this keep Contex in the forefront of scanning technology."

The XD2490 begins shipping in mid-September in most countries and is available through Contex's authorized resellers. Contex invites new channel partners who have a strong web-direct business model and experience with large format scanners, high speed office scanners or copiers to inquire about the new market potential available with the XD2490.

About Contex:

Contex is the world's largest producer of large format imaging solutions, leading the market with constant innovation and technology development. Focused on providing the best image quality possible, Contex is the preferred supplier of scanning technology to the large format market. Contex's scanning solutions are supported by advanced scan and copy software applications – giving customers a full range of solutions for image capturing. Sold in over 80 countries worldwide, Contex products are praised for their reliability, value and performance. For more information, please visit www.contex.com.