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3D Systems Reaffirms Commitment to Combination with Stratasys

Highlights Feedback from Stratasys Shareholders and Troublesome Failure to Engage by Stratasys Board

ROCK HILL, S.C., June 30, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- 3D Systems (NYSE:DDD) ("the Company") responded to today's announcement by Stratasys Ltd. (NASDAQ: SSYS) ("Stratasys") that Stratasys continues to refuse to engage with the Company to discuss a business combination transaction despite the opportunity to create superior value for Stratasys shareholders. On June 27, 2023, the Company submitted an enhanced proposal to combine with Stratasys in a transaction that would reward Stratasys shareholders with a package of stock and cash consideration, representing a market value of \$20.84 per Stratasys share as of the close of trading yesterday.

President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Graves stated, "The Stratasys Board has made the perplexing decision to not engage with us to reach a mutually agreed upon, friendly transaction that we believe would unlock value for all shareholders. Frankly, we are surprised that in their quick rejection, Stratasys' Board did not acknowledge or refute the merits of our proposed transaction, or respond to the market's concerns about the value destruction of the Desktop Metal merger."

Continued Dr. Graves, "We are hearing from a spectrum of Stratasys shareholders that they understand and believe that a combination between 3D Systems and Stratasys offers an unparalleled option for certainty, scale and long-term growth. This feedback from Stratasys' own shareholders only strengthens our conviction that this is the right deal at the right time. It is concerning that, as public company directors, the Stratasys Board is ignoring these signals from its investors. It is difficult to understand their rationale, which we think raises questions as to whether they have entrenched themselves in a position that demonstrates an absence of focus on maximizing shareholder value."

The Company reiterates its view of the key benefits of its proposed transaction with Stratasys:

- Scale Drives Leadership: Delivers immediate scale for leadership in the rapidly growing and fragmented additive manufacturing industry.
- **Complementary Technology Portfolio**: Combination of proven technologies with limited overlap, creating a combined portfolio better positioned to service nearly every vertical in the 3D printing market today.
- Significant Cost Synergies: Highly certain value creation potential through realization of at least \$100 million in cost synergies across SG&A savings, R&D integration and COGS optimization, jointly identified by members of both companies' management teams during due diligence sessions in September 2022, in addition to significant revenue opportunities not currently included in 3D Systems' pro forma valuation analysis.
- Industry Leading Financial Profile: Estimated LTM combined revenue of \$1.2 billion and ~\$150 million in pro forma cash on the combined company balance sheet with a combined ~12% EBITDA margin¹, and no debt or equity financing contemplated.
- Meaningful Growth Opportunities from Regenerative Medicine: Unmatched bioprinting leadership potential, with a clear road map for human applications, including human trials for 3D printed lungs anticipated by 2026.

3D Systems continues to believe Stratasys is relying on assumptions that are unfounded and unreasonable in order to proceed with the proposed merger with Desktop Metal. These assumptions include:

- A Sudden and Significant Shift in Projected Desktop Metal Performance: Stratasys management's EBITDA projections for Desktop Metal unrealistically assume sudden and meteoric growth and the realization of speculative revenue synergies by Desktop Metal, a company that has not delivered on its growth prospects or any of its financial commitments since its de-SPAC "IPO" in 2020.
- Turnaround of a 28-year-old Metals Technology: Stratasys continues to tout Desktop Metal's binder jet technology as the future of mass-produced additively manufactured metal products, but after nearly three decades, all players focused on binder jet metals have only amassed a 4% share of the total market, largely due to inferior technology. Binder jet technology continues to face significant challenges to demonstrate its viability, achieve scale for mass production and generate a profit.
- Unrealistic Cost Synergy Assumptions: Stratasys has stated the Desktop Metal transaction will result in \$50 million of cost synergies. The Company does not believe that is achievable. This \$50 million is incremental to the \$100 million of standalone cost reductions previously announced by Desktop Metal, which equates to 60% of Desktop Metal's 2022 operating expenses.
- **Highly Speculative Revenue Synergies**: Stratasys cites significant value creation potential through the realization of speculative revenue synergies from manufacturing and mass production. The Company believes investors should be skeptical of such revenue synergies as they are hard to establish and forecast until actually achieved.
- **Highly Speculative and Unsupported Multiple Re-rating**: To support its rejection of the 3D Systems proposal, Stratasys published a valuation analysis that predicated 65% of the potential uplift from the proposed Desktop Metal merger on a multiple re-rating that 3D Systems believes is highly speculative and unsupported.
- An Inferior Financial Profile: The Company's analysis shows that the combination with Desktop Metal will create a combined company with lower pro forma revenue, lower gross profit, negative EBITDA margin and negative free cash flow. 3D Systems believes Desktop Metal's historical track record of operating losses, impairments and cash burn will introduce significant risk to Stratasys' financial profile in the coming years.

Dr. Graves concluded, "We have shown a willingness to negotiate with the Stratasys Board and remain flexible and open to engaging in productive discourse in pursuit of a friendly, negotiated transaction. We are committed to making this combination a reality."

Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC is acting as exclusive financial advisor and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (US) LLP, together with Herzog, Fox & Neeman in Israel, is acting as legal counsel to 3D Systems.

About 3D Systems

More than 35 years ago, 3D Systems brought the innovation of 3D printing to the manufacturing industry. Today, as the leading additive manufacturing solutions partner, we bring innovation, performance, and reliability to every interaction – empowering our customers to create products and business models never before possible. Thanks to our unique offering of hardware, software, materials, and services, each application-specific solution is powered by the expertise of our application engineers who collaborate with customers to transform how they deliver their products and services. 3D Systems' solutions address a variety of advanced applications in healthcare and industrial markets such as medical and dental, aerospace & defense, automotive, and durable goods. More information on the company is available at www.3DSystems.com.

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¹ Based on CY2023E EBITDA guidance and \$100mm run-rate cost synergies.