

3D Systems Issues Statement on Stratasys' Pursuit of Strategic Alternatives

- 3D Systems Willing to Amend Current Binding Proposal to Include 60-Day Go-Shop Period to Provide Immediate Value Certainty for Stratasys Shareholders While Also Allowing Stratasys' Board to Pursue its Strategic Alternatives Process
- 3D Systems Binding Offer Scheduled to Expire October 5

ROCK HILL, S.C., Sept. 29, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- 3D Systems (NYSE:DDD) (the "Company") today issued a statement regarding Stratasys Ltd.'s (NASDAQ:SSYS) ("Stratasys") announcement that it has commenced a process to explore strategic alternatives.

3D Systems welcomes Stratasys' decision to respond to its shareholders and explore strategic alternatives after receiving overwhelming feedback that its Board had not properly evaluated all potential offers prior to entering into a merger agreement with Desktop Metal (NYSE: DM).

The message to the Stratasys Board from the recent comprehensive reports by ISS and Glass Lewis, as well as public and private feedback from Stratasys shareholders, together with the unequivocal, resounding vote of Stratasys shareholders yesterday, is clear: gain immediate scale, certainty and value by accepting 3D Systems' current binding offer.

3D Systems' binding merger agreement, delivered to the Stratasys Board on September 13, 2023, expires on October 5, 2023, if not countersigned by Stratasys. Recognizing some shareholders may still want Stratasys to pursue a process, 3D Systems is willing to amend its current binding proposal to include a 60-day go-shop period. 3D Systems is willing to amend its offer this way in lieu of waiting for Stratasys' announcement to evolve into an actionable sales process, which at this time appears highly uncertain and, based on precedent reviewed in the ISS and Glass Lewis reports, may remain uncertain for some time. During this period, Stratasys would be permitted to actively solicit alternative proposals to acquire Stratasys. In addition, the merger agreement would maintain its existing construct that permits Stratasys to terminate the merger agreement with 3D Systems to enter into a transaction that is deemed to be superior to the merger with 3D Systems. This go-shop period and termination right will allow the Stratasys Board to secure immediate and certain value for shareholders, while still running a comprehensive sale process.

President and CEO, Dr. Jeffrey Graves stated, "We continue to believe that a combination between 3D Systems and Stratasys presents the most attractive opportunity for Stratasys shareholders and the additive manufacturing industry at large, given the massive opportunity for scale and synergy realization."

Continued Dr. Graves, "Our binding offer, which remains available until October 5, and our willingness to include a go-shop period in that offer now presents Stratasys with a unique 'bird in the hand,' allowing its Board to enter into a transaction that the market agrees will create significant value, while offering flexibility to explore other offers. This amendment reflects our confidence in the superior value of our proposal and our belief that the market has already had more than enough time to evaluate interest in Stratasys, which has already yielded ten offers for Stratasys in the last six months."

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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All references to the binding nature of the offer and merger agreement being proposed by 3D Systems, whether in a press release, presentation, other document or public statement, are subject to the contents of the escrow letter that was filed by 3D Systems on September 13, 2023 with the SEC on Form 8-K.

Additional Information

This communication does not constitute an offer to buy or sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or buy any securities. This communication relates to a proposal which 3D Systems has made for a business combination with Stratasys. In furtherance of this proposal and subject to future developments, 3D Systems (and, if a negotiated transaction is agreed, Stratasys) may file one or more registration statements, proxy statements, tender offer statements, prospectuses or other documents with the SEC. This communication is not a substitute for any registration statement, proxy statement, tender offer statement, prospectus or other document that 3D Systems and/or Stratasys may file with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction.

Investors and security holders of 3D Systems and Stratasys are urged to read the registration statement(s), proxy statement(s), tender offer statement(s), prospectus(es) and/or other documents filed with the SEC carefully in their entirety if and when they become available as they will contain important information about the proposed transaction. Any definitive proxy statement(s), tender offer statement(s) or prospectus(es) (if and when available) will be mailed to stockholders of 3D Systems and/or Stratasys, as applicable. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of these documents (if and when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by 3D Systems through the web site maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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