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## Elektronik Names Electronics Workbench Software Suite Among 2005 Top Products

**NEWS RELEASE – March 28, 2006** – Electronics Workbench Corporation, a National Instruments company, today announced that [DesignSuite 9](#) is one of the top three products of 2005, according to readers of *Elektronik* magazine, one of Germany's premier electronics publications. The circuit design software suite, which was competing against 10 other products, received second place in the 2005 Product of the Year CAD/CAE category.

DesignSuite 9 is a collection of four Electronics Workbench products – [Multicap 9](#), [Multisim 9](#), [Ultiboard 9](#) and [Ultiroute 9](#) – that, together, create a tightly integrated, end-to-end solution engineers can use to efficiently take electronics projects from initial concept through capture and simulation to final layout and production. Through integration with the National Instruments software platform, DesignSuite 9 combines world-class simulation with real-world measurements early in the design process, bridging the gap between popular design and test tools and helping design engineers make more informed decisions in the early stages of product development.

“One of the most striking features of DesignSuite is its seamless integration of circuit simulation with test and measurement capabilities via NI LabVIEW. This attribute offers a unique, added value that other CAD packages cannot offer today,” said Harry Schubert, technical editor of *Elektronik*.

DesignSuite 9 seamlessly integrates with the [LabVIEW 8](#) graphical development environment and with [NI SignalExpress](#) interactive measurement software. With Multisim 9, engineers can import simulation data and real-world measurements, resulting in reduced errors, shorter design time and more efficiency in creating complex designs. Engineers can enhance their design simulations by using the real-world data they acquired via LabVIEW as the source that drives virtual circuits. Additionally, engineers can use LabVIEW to graphically create fully customized virtual instruments to use in the Multisim environment.

*Elektronik* annually nominates more than 100 products in 10 separate electronics categories. The publication's readers then choose their preferred products and cast their votes for Product of the Year. This year, readers cast more than 5,200 votes.

“Electronics Workbench is proud to offer a complete suite of products that engineers can use to meet all their design needs,” said Dan Harris, general manager of Electronics Workbench. “And we are honored to know that the readers of *Elektronik* value our product enough to vote it one of the best products of the year.”

Engineers can access a freeware edition of the complete DesignSuite 9 or request a CD by registering online at [www.electronicsworkbench.com](http://www.electronicsworkbench.com).

### About Electronics Workbench

Electronics Workbench develops and markets desktop electronic design automation (EDA) software used by design engineers and educators around the world. The company's circuit board design system incorporates schematic capture; patented cosimulation of analog and digital circuits using SPICE and VHDL; RF design tools; constraint-driven PCB layout and autorouting; and CAM verification tools. Since 1984, the company has produced highly effective educational software that greatly enhances any electronics curriculum. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, Electronics Workbench operates sales and support offices in Europe and South America and has distribution partners in an additional 32 countries around the world. Readers can reach the company at (416) 977-5550 or at [www.electronicsworkbench.com](http://www.electronicsworkbench.com).

### About National Instruments

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