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3D Systems Founder Chuck Hull Receives Prestigious *Economist* Innovation Award

- Chuck Hull honored for his life's work in inventing and pioneering 3D printing

ROCK HILL, South Carolina –November 20, 2013 – [3D Systems](#) (NYSE:DDD)

today announced that Chuck Hull, 3D Systems' founder and the inventor of 3D printing, received *The Economist's* prestigious 2013 Innovation Award, recognizing significant contributions across eight fields of science, technology, and society.

Dubbed the father of 3D printing, Chuck Hull invented and patented Stereolithography, the first ever 3D printing technology, in 1983 and founded 3D Systems in 1986, to help ailing Detroit automakers regain competitiveness by compressing design-to-manufacturing time.

Tom Standage, digital editor at *The Economist* and chairman of the judges who decided the awards, said, "We are delighted to recognize the pioneering role Mr. Hull has played in this fast-moving field. 3D printing is a hugely exciting technology that is starting to transform the way things are designed, manufactured and sold."

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award and to be part of such a distinguished group of honorees," said Chuck Hull, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, 3D Systems. "I always knew that 3D printing had the capacity to significantly change the entire design-to-manufacturing process, but greatly underestimated the full impact that my work would have on every facet of our lives. It is both exhilarating and humbling to be part of the movement to localize manufacturing and democratize consumer access, through the power of 3D printing."

Learn more about 3D Systems' commitment to manufacturing the future today at www.3dsystems.com.

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About 3D Systems Corporation

3D Systems is a leading provider of 3D content-to-print solutions including 3D printers, print materials and cloud sourced on-demand custom parts for professionals and consumers alike with materials including plastics, metals, ceramics and edibles. The company also provides software tools including scan to CAD and inspection as well as consumer 3D printers, apps and services. Its expertly integrated solutions replace and complement traditional methods and reduce the time and cost of designing new products by printing real parts directly from digital input. These solutions are used to rapidly design, create, communicate, prototype or produce real parts, empowering customers to manufacture the future.

More information on the company is available at www.3DSystems.com.

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