



KBC RELEASES NEW VERSION OF PETRO-SIM AND SIM SUITE

London, UK – (December 11, 2008) – KBC Advanced Technologies plc (KBC) announces the release of version 3.2 of Petro-SIM and the KBC SIM suite, the world's leading process simulation software for refineries and petrochemical plants.

New Petro-SIM features include a unique Viewer option for easy access to cases, as well as enhanced custom Microsoft Excel tables, which are especially useful for managing case studies of larger flowsheets.

KBC continues its commitment to technology improvements with enhancements to its market leading refinery reactor models FCC-SIM for FCC Units, HCR-SIM for Hydrocrackers, and DC-SIM for delayed cokers.

Also with this release, Petro-SIM and the SIM models are fully compliant with the Microsoft Vista operating system. For more information on these products, visit www.Petro-SIM.com.

About KBC:

KBC Advanced Technologies plc, a leading independent consulting, process engineering and software group, delivers improved operating performance to the oil refining, petrochemical, and other process industries worldwide. We provide process consulting, strategic planning advice, energy price forecasting and market analysis, economic studies, capital project services, and training to help clients achieve their business objectives and improve their competitive position. Our human performance improvement division provides organisational effectiveness services, training programmes, operations manuals, and personnel development services. KBC consultants recommend changes for material and measurable improvements in profitability. To assist clients in realising such improvements, KBC provides implementation services and software solutions, including the KBC SIM models and Petro-SIM™ for process optimisation, and our energy optimisation software packages. Formed in 1979, KBC has offices in the UK, USA, Canada, Singapore, the Netherlands, Russian Federation, The People's Republic of China, Japan, and Korea. For more information, visit www.kbcat.com.

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