1. What did Ansys announce today?

Ansys announced the acquisition of Engineering Simulation and Scientific Software Rocky DEM, S.L. ("Rocky"), which was operated by Ansys' long-time channel partner in South America, Engineering Simulation and Scientific Software ("ESSS"). With this acquisition, Ansys adds Rocky DEM, the leading discrete element method (DEM) tool, and a skilled team of developers, application support technicians and customer-facing staff in Brazil, Spain and the United States.

With specific strengths in GPU processing, Rocky enables users to model a wide variety of cross-industry applications that involve bulk material movement problems which are not as well suited for pure structural or fluids simulation.

Rocky has been offered by Ansys for several years as a partner product (Ansys Rocky) and is already integrated with Ansys software. However, this acquisition will drive deeper integration and bring the future roadmap of Rocky more closely in-line with Ansys.

2. What does Rocky DEM do?

Rocky is a leading DEM software package. The tool offers a rich set of features and capabilities for modeling all manners of bulk material movement, which is valuable across a wide range of industries. For example, Rocky could be used to simulate a dump truck tipping out a truckload of pebbles, a vacuum cleaner sucking up dirt particles, or a pharmaceutical company processing large batches of tablets, etc.

3. Why is this significant?

Ansys customers are frequently confronted with physics problems involving movement of bulk material. These problems can often be solved with structural mechanics and/or fluid dynamics simulations, but often at exorbitant computational costs. DEM takes a unique computational approach, allowing a drastically more efficient solution to such problems. With Rocky, a wide variety of problems across virtually all industries can be solved in reasonable timeframes.

4. Who is Ansys Rocky used by?

Ansys Rocky, and ESSS' equivalent standalone offering, is used by companies around the world, across all industries. Rocky, with its wide range of capabilities and leading strengths in GPU processing, is the leading DEM technology available on the market.

5. Why is this acquisition important?

This acquisition will ensure that Ansys customers have long-term, uninterrupted access to powerful DEM technology that will be deeply integrated with other Ansys solutions to solve a unique set of physics problems. Incorporating Rocky into the Ansys portfolio will also facilitate long-term synergies in the Ansys technology portfolio that would not otherwise be possible, such as inclusion of Rocky into the PyAnsys framework.

6. Where is Rocky based?

Florianopolis, Brazil

 How many people does Rocky employ? Approximately 30.

8. How will Rocky fit into the overall structure at Ansys?

The Rocky development team will be integrated into Ansys' existing product development organization. As with past acquisitions, leaders from both companies will work collaboratively to plan and carry out integration activities, leveraging each individual company's strengths for the benefit of the combined organization.

Forward-Looking Information

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