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Pinnacle Announces Technology Agreement with Transform
Co-development of 1st E&P Visualization System for Microseismic and Tiltmeter Data

Calgary, AB, May 15, 2006 – Pinnacle Technologies Inc., a subsidiary of CARBO Ceramics Inc. (NYSE: CRR), announced today that it has signed a multi-year technology agreement with Transform Software and Services, Inc., a Colorado-based provider of innovative E&P visualization and interpretation software. This collaboration will focus on developing and distributing visualization software for monitoring and analyzing hydraulic fracturing effectiveness and for tracking reservoir fluid movements. Pinnacle and Transform will co-develop the first E&P system dedicated to integrated visualization of microseismic, tiltmeter, GPS and InSAR information with a range of geophysical, geological and engineering data. This agreement provides Pinnacle and Pinnacle customers with access to state-of-the-art E&P software and provides Transform with new market opportunities through the Pinnacle sales channel.

This new technology will support greater understanding of the effectiveness of hydraulic fracturing operations, through 3D visualization of the locations of microseismic events caused by the injection of fluid and proppant materials into oil and gas reservoirs. Visualization of other measurements, like high-sensitivity tiltmeters, will aid in the detection of subsurface rock deformations related to hydraulic fracturing and fluid flow within producing reservoirs. Pinnacle customers and internal experts will have




exclusive access to this innovative technology, custom-designed to support better well completions and to enhance reservoir performance.

“We are focused on providing our customers with access to best-in-class E&P technology innovation”, says Kevin Fisher, Pinnacle’s President and C.E.O. “As the pioneer in the application of microseismic and tiltmeter mapping technology to a range of E&P challenges, we understand the importance of translating innovation into customer value. Our customers, working in reservoirs ranging from heavy oil to tight gas sands and shales, need tools to assist in completions and reservoir management optimization strategies. This technology agreement with Transform will provide our customers, and our own service specialists, with access to visualization capabilities built to monitor and enhance the effectiveness of well completions and overall reservoir performance. We look forward to working with Transform to provide exciting, new tools to help our customers extract the most value from their field investments.”

“As an industry leader in field monitoring, Pinnacle is a premier customer for our technology”, says Dean Witte, CEO of Transform. “Our focus on developing innovative visualization and analysis software nicely complements Pinnacle’s capabilities in fracturing and reservoir monitoring. By understanding the specific needs of Pinnacle and Pinnacle’s customers, we have been able to rapidly develop software tools that present microseismic, tiltmeter and other information in new and valuable ways. As we continue to work closely with Pinnacle, E&P customers will benefit from a new generation of software technology, designed to meet specific needs in modern conventional and unconventional reservoirs.”

About Transform

Denver-based Transform Software and Services, Inc (www.transformsw.com) was established in 2004 to provide innovative software technology and supporting services for E&P companies, consulting organizations and software providers. By working with software contractors, key academic consortia and a variety of technology providers, Transform’s development team is able to rapidly bring new innovations to the E&P market. Utilizing open technology infrastructure, Transform connects to industry standard



datastores with platform independent software that spans geophysical, geological and engineering workflows.

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About Pinnacle

Pinnacle Technologies, Inc. (<http://www.pinntech.com>) is the world's leading provider of fracture diagnostic services. Pinnacle provides virtually all of the microseismic monitoring services and all of the tiltmeter mapping services used in hydraulic fracturing worldwide. Additionally, Pinnacle provides fracture modeling, design and engineering services as well as world-class reservoir monitoring and engineering services.

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