

## TIDBITS

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### ◆ INTENSE3D EYED BY 3DLABS

In a recent announcement, 3Dlabs revealed plans to acquire the Intense3D operations of Intergraph in a stock transaction valued at about \$25 million. Up to another \$25 million will go to Intergraph if the Intense3D unit meets certain performance targets through the end of this year. Also, 3Dlabs will continue to provide products to Intergraph for incorporation into Intergraph's system products. The deal marks a significant consolidation in the professional 3D-acceleration market.

Just a few days before the acquisition was announced, Intense3D ([www.intense3d.com](http://www.intense3d.com)) announced the Wildcat 4210 professional-3D accelerator. The new product, implemented as a two-slot AGP Pro board set, provides twice the performance and local memory of Intense3D's Wildcat 4110, introduced last year at Siggraph (see *MPR 9/13/99-04*, "New Chips, New Ideas at Siggraph '99"). —P.N.G.

### ◆ AMD FLIP-FLOPS ON NETWORKS

Having previously said it would sell its entire Communications Group, which comprises its Communications Products Division (CPD) and its Network Products Division (NPD), AMD reversed course on March 30, announcing it would hold on to NPD. AMD's move is probably a good one, considering the demand the Internet is creating for processors in high-performance network switches, routers, and other equipment. This decision will also give AMD a more diverse product portfolio, which will help protect it from future downturns in the x86 PC business. AMD continues to search for a buyer for CPD. —K.D. ◆

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