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ISA Technologies and Forgeworks Agree to Collaborate in Marketing Western Australian Digital Content

Information technology company ISA Technologies and visual effects company Forgeworks have agreed to work together to promote Western Australian capability in animation and related digital content for national and international markets.

ISA Technologies had been working with Forgeworks, to create visual effects in a short film called *Iron Bird*. *Iron Bird* is a supernatural thriller set during World War Two and features an English Lancaster bomber flying over Dresden during a night-time bombing raid. Recreation of the Lancaster bomber and Dresden during World War II was completed using ISA Technologies High Performance Computing (HPC) capability and software for rendering the computer graphics to incorporate into the film.

Iron Bird marks the beginning of ISA Technologies use of HPC for digital animation and visual effects.

“The development of digital content for animation in films and for related applications in developing computer games has been limited in Western Australia by a lack of access by developers to high powered computing infrastructure and animation software”, said Mr Sil La Puma, Managing Director of ISA Technologies.

“ISA Technologies collaboration with Forgeworks and access to HPC and animation software including Maya provides a basis for world class animation to be completed in Western Australia”, said Mr La Puma.

Iron Bird was launched at the Perth Revelation Film festival as part of the ScreenWest Stepping Stones initiative and the film is being entered into international and national film festivals.

“*Iron Bird* provides an opportunity for Forgeworks together with ISA Technologies to showcase to the world our creative skills and access to the latest technologies”, said Mr David Reville, Line Producer of *Iron Bird* and Director of Forgeworks.

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