

News Release

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RPS Automation Expands Distribution in Europe, Asia, Mexico

Manufacturer of selective soldering equipment expands international presence with new distribution partners and new customer wins

Las Vegas, NV, April 1, 2008— RPS Automation LLC, a global supplier of selective solder equipment to the circuit board manufacturing and assembly industry, today announced new international distribution partners and customer wins.

In Europe, RPS expanded its successful relationship with X-Axys in Western Europe to provide exclusive distribution of RPS products in the United Kingdom, Eastern Europe, Spain, India and South Africa. RPS and X-Axys also announced the successful installation of an RPS Rhythm Selective Soldering System for a new customer in France.

“We are excited to expand our successful relationship with RPS Automation,” said Neil Chalmers, Operations Director of X-Axys. “With the recent successful installation of the new Rhythm Selective Soldering System in France, we are building great momentum and awareness in Europe; there is growing demand here for the high quality, affordability and reliability of RPS selective soldering systems.”

In Asia, RPS announced the expansion of its relationship with SA Technologies of the Philippines. Building on the success of an RPS Harmony Selective Soldering System at a global contract manufacturer in the Philippines, SA Technology is expanding their distribution of RPS products to Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

“RPS is a quality product at an affordable price, offering customers an alternative to more expensive systems from Europe,” said A.J. Adviso of SA Technologies. “We are excited to expand our relationship with RPS and to bring to market an advanced technology for next generation selective soldering.”

Also in Asia, RPS announced a new exclusive distribution partnership with Sunny Tech Trading Co., Ltd. of South Korea. “We are enthusiastic to be partnering with RPS Automation,” said Sunny Kim, President of Sunny Tech. “The quality and ease of use of RPS systems is well known. Selective soldering demands precision, reliability and durability – our customers will be pleased to see RPS products in Korea.”

In China, RPS’s exclusive distributor in China, Beijing Hanson Electronics, recently purchased a Rhythm System for the growing market in China. “There has been tremendous customer interest in this new system and we believe we will see many new system orders once customers have the chance to see the quality and precision of a Rhythm up close,” said Julia Huo, Director of Marketing at Hanson.

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In Mexico, RPS signed Axiomatek as its exclusive distribution partner. Axiomatek has an extensive engineering and support team with strong relationships across Mexico. These resources were instrumental in securing a recent Rhythm System win for a 500,000 PCB production line going live in April 2008.

“We are energized by the excitement and momentum customers have for the RPS Automation selective soldering systems. We look forward to growing the business in 2008 and beyond,” said Jorge Gonzalez, President of Axiomatek.

“The global demand for selective soldering continues to impress us and we are pleased to meet this increased demand with these exceptional partners,” said Reed S. Gaither, CEO RPS Automation. “The value proposition of selective soldering is without question. And in today’s global economy, our US-made products represent incredible quality at very affordable prices to the international buyer.”

About RPS Automation LLC

RPS Automation LLC is an American manufacturing company that designs and builds a complete line of automated selective soldering and solder test equipment for electronic assembly and circuit board manufacturing. RPS is the only U.S. manufacturer that builds a full range of automated selective soldering equipment. RPS is also the only U.S. manufacturer to offer extensive custom configuration capabilities, utilizing a deep engineering team and full manufacturing capabilities.

The company has been in the soldering automation market for 20 years and has over 450 installations and 250 global customers. All systems are built in Spokane Valley, Washington U.S.A. and are designed for 24x7 operations in industrial-grade environments. RPS is known for high quality soldering, low maintenance, durability and superior customer service.

More information on RPS Automation can be found at www.rpsautomation.com

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