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GLOBAL STENCIL STANDARDIZED VALOR CAM TOOLS FOR AUTOMATING CAM PROCESS WITH SOLDER PASTE OPTIMIZATION

Yavne (Israel), May 20, 2002 - Valor Computerized Systems (Neuer Markt: VCR) has been selected by Global Stencil, Inc. one of the leading solder stencil manufacturing companies in North America, to deploy its Trilogy 5000 engineering system and SPO (Solder Paste Optimization) software at the core of their new, fully automated CAM strategy. The automation achieved through the Trilogy 5000 system will enable Global Stencil to process customer Gerber data into fully engineered and customized laser cutting program files with a few key strokes.

Global Stencil provides a single source solder stencil tooling service spanning full-service CAM and quick-turn processing to deliver best-in-class solder printing stencils to the CEM and OEM electronics manufacturing industry.

As the electronics industry continues to pressure OEMs for reduced time-to-market and the elimination of the manufacturing learning curve associated with complex new product introductions, Global Stencil has positioned itself as a key component of the SMT assembly supply chain. By removing the manual CAM editing process normally required to achieve optimal stencil printing apertures, Global Stencil has significantly reduced the process time, eliminated error prone manual data editing and improved the overall quality of its services. To achieve this upgraded CAM capability, Global Stencil needed to implement a fully automated, repeatable and accurate data handling process eliminating the traditional islands of independent processing and manual editing.

Following an extensive tool evaluation, Global Stencil selected Valor's Trilogy 5000 CAM and SPO products to meet their new CAM automation criteria. The Valor system will be installed at the Grand Prairie (TX) based manufacturing headquarters as their front-end engineering toolset.



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“Valor’s Trilogy 5000 and the SPO package form the core of our new CAM automation process and stencil design optimization strategy. Valor’s automation capabilities provide Global Stencil with a proven, systematic process that is highly accurate and repeatable”, said Greg Smith, Global Stencil’s president and CEO. “The Trilogy 5000 process we are implementing is based on customer supplied Gerber data files. The Trilogy 5000 process however converts the unintelligent Gerber data into the highly intelligent ODB++ data structure. This aligns Global Stencil with the growing acceptance of ODB++ as the standard data format for data exchange in the electronics manufacturing supply chain. We can now accept and exchange ODB++ data from our growing customer base requiring tools that support ODB++. We are very pleased with the new capabilities that our investment in Valor provides, as we are now this new process will greatly enhance our ability to service our current customer base, attract new customers with even more demanding requirements for speed and precision, while at the same time improving our bottom line by making our internal process much more efficient and tightly controlled”, Smith added.

About Global Stencil

Global Stencil provides its customers with the ultimate control that is needed in the printing industry with its state-of-the-art stencils. Its superior products include Etched, Laser-Cut and Mixed-Technology (both Etched and Laser-Cut), which exceed the requirements of fine pitch to ultra-fine pitch printing. By accessing Global Stencil’s web site, www.globalstencil.com, companies all over the world can order their stencils in English, Spanish, German or French twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

About Valor

Valor is a global leader in providing business productivity tools throughout the design-through-manufacturing electronics supply chain. Valor is a public company listed on the Neuer Markt of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The company's powerful software tools, based on ODB++, the Valor-funded data format which has quickly become the format of choice for high-level data exchange, ensure the rapid transfer of optimized data from design through manufacturing. Enterprise 3000 DfX system for physical design verification, Trilogy 5000 for assembly and test engineering, and



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the unique Valor Parts Library on-line data service are utilized by designers and engineers to deliver enhanced productivity, higher yields, shorter cycle times and increased product quality. All Valor products are sold and supported by a worldwide network that includes global subsidiary offices, VARs and OEM channels. More information about the company can be found at <http://www.valor.com>.

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