

Manufacturer Embraces Lead-Free Initiative: VirTex Assembly Services, Inc. Upgrades Manufacturing Equipment To Protect the Environment

VirTex Assembly Services, Inc., a manufacturer that provides turnkey solutions to technology companies, announced today that it has begun using high-end manufacturing equipment that eliminates the use of lead based solders in its automated soldering and assembly operations.

AUSTIN, Texas (BusinessWire EON) April 3, 2007 -- "We want to be responsible corporate citizens," said Brad Heath, CEO and founder of VirTex. "That's one of the reasons why we have invested several hundred thousand dollars in equipment and provided increased training for our employees. By doing this, we are able to manufacture products which eliminate lead and other hazardous substances for our customers."

VirTex embraced the movement several years ago when the European Union passed the Restriction of Hazardous Substances Directive (ROHS) in 2003. Since then, the company has held various regional and national seminars and informational meetings to advise its customers of the transformation and new regulatory requirements taking place in the industry as a whole, and specifically at VirTex. Nearly half the products produced at VirTex have been converted to meet ROHS compliance, and VirTex expects near 100% conversion by the end of 2007.

"To their credit, almost all of our customers and suppliers have recognized the importance of this policy and willingly embraced it," said Heath. "They are our partners. Together, we feel like we are doing our part to protect the environment around us."

Among those customers that embrace VirTex' Lead-Free Initiative are:

-- Active Power, Inc. - "We are pleased to do business with a vendor like VirTex, which is sensitive to environmental issues. This dovetails well with our commitment to deliver green critical power solutions to the marketplace." David Beatty, Vice President Engineering.

-- Armida Technologies Corp. - "VirTex is clearly a market leader in being sensitive to environmental issues. Armida shares this core value, which reinforces the alignment of our organizations and strengthens our partnership with VirTex." Bill Lawrence, CEO.

-- Lufkin Automation, Inc. - "It is great that VirTex is sensitive to environmental issues. When you combine that quality with all the other qualities of the company, it reinforces our desire to continue our partnership with VirTex." Davey Thomas

About VirTex Assembly Services, Inc.

VirTex Assembly Services, Inc. is a full-service manufacturer of technology-related products committed to helping its more than 50 clients get their products to market in an expeditious manner. The company, which was founded in 1999, offers turnkey solutions, which includes the initial design work, manufacturing and fulfillment services for the electronics industry. This enables VirTex' clients to focus on the more critical elements of their business, such as product development and sales. www.virtexassembly.com

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