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SUSS MicroTec installs Phoenix Software manufacturing execution system at MST.factory dortmund

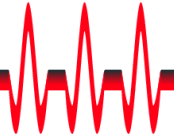
Enschede, the Netherlands, March 31, 2009. Phoenix Software today announced that the only manufacturing execution systems (MES) dedicated to the micro and nano technology industry: the Living Database, has been installed by SUSS MicroTec, a leading supplier of process and test equipment for the semiconductor industry, at MST.factory based in Dortmund, Germany. MST.factory dortmund serves as a center of excellence providing technical infrastructures in the field of micro and nano technology.

The system by Phoenix Software provides all the necessary tools to support the customers of MST.factory with their process development. It has been selected by SUSS MicroTec to be delivered as part of their CB8 wafer bonder, a semi-automated wafer bonder designed for advanced MEMS manufacturing and 3D wafer bonding.

According to Twan Korthorst, Phoenix Software's CEO, the result of the implementation of the Living Database is that "all relevant information is up to date, in real time and uniformly available for everybody at any place to make faster and better decisions."

"We reviewed several vendors and selected Phoenix Software because of their speed of implementation, their knowledge of the real challenges in our industry and their flexibility. We were looking for a solution that could fulfil our customers requirements of today and tomorrow," said Wilfried Bair, VP Business Development and General Manager, Bonder Division, Suss MicroTec.

Main user of the new tool from SUSS MicroTec will be iX-factory, a leading independent provider in developing, prototyping and manufacturing small to high volume production of innovative high quality products based on micro/nano technology (MNT) for the next product generation of OEM customers.



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About iX-factory

iX-factory GmbH is focusing on the emerging product-market of telecom components and instruments in life science and industrial process control. The technology combination of microfluidics and integrated optics gives iX-factory an unrivalled competence in the area of (bio)sensors and lab-on-a-chip applications. The state-of-the-art equipment and know-how in fabricating micro and nano structures in glass and silicon, enables iX-factory to create (OEM) customized next generation devices with high cost-efficiency and short lead times. For more information, visit <http://www.iX-factory.de>

About MST.factory dortmund

MST.factory dortmund, a center of excellence in micro and nano technology, provides professional business accommodation and technical infrastructures for small and medium-sized enterprises and start-up companies in the field of micro/nano. For more information please visit <http://www.mst-factory.com>

About SUSS MicroTec

SUSS MicroTec AG (listed in Deutsche Börse AG's Prime Standard) is a leading supplier of process and test solutions for markets such as 3D Integration, Advanced Packaging, MEMS, Nanotechnology and Compound Semiconductor. High-quality solutions enable customers to increase process performance while reducing cost of ownership.

SUSS MicroTec supports more than 8,000 installed mask aligners, coaters, bonders and probe systems with a global infrastructure for applications and service. SUSS MicroTec is headquartered in Garching near Munich, Germany. For more information, please visit <http://www.suss.com>

About Phoenix Software

Phoenix Software is an independent high-tech company headquartered in Enschede, the Netherlands, which develops, sells and supports world-class software solutions for the micro and nano technology marketplace. Founded in 2003 the company currently supports more than 120 companies and research institutes worldwide through its subsidiaries and network of sales representatives. Typical products include software for mask layout and process flow visualisation, software for photonics simulations and the leading manufacturing execution system and technology knowledge base dedicated to the industry: the Living Database.

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