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HINE AUTOMATION HIRES NEW GENERAL MANAGER, SCOTT CRAVER TO FOCUS ON BUSINESS GROWTH AND ENHANCING THE IMPACT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

TAMPA, FLORIDA, January 3, 2013 – Hine Automation continues on its next stage of growth by appointing Scott Craver to the new role of General Manager. As a part of our management team, Mr. Craver will focus on sustaining high customer satisfaction and delivering automation solutions with the lowest cost of ownership.

"With the recent growth seen in our target markets we made the decision to look for an experienced manager in the industry. We are delighted to have someone with Scott's experience and enthusiasms join Hine Automation. We look forward to working with Scott to continue the Company's development and better serving our customer's needs," says Hine Automation's CEO Ed Richards.

Mr. Craver has over 18 years' experience leveraging a broad background in semiconductor equipment manufacturing and business development with a strong focus in supporting customer service and operations. In his previous roles he supported the significant growth development of a leading US based semiconductor plasma processing equipment supplier. As General Manager, Mr. Craver will have responsibility for all aspects of the business including Operations, Marketing and Business Development.

Mr. Craver is an active participant in the local Chamber of Commerce and serves as Chair for a Non-Profit organization. He retired from the U.S. Air force and the Florida Air National Guard. He holds degrees in Avionic and Electronic Engineering.

Hine Automation will continue to focus on providing automation solutions to OEMs in the Atomic Layer Deposition, Physical Vapor Deposition, Chemical Vapor Deposition, Metal and Oxide Etch, MR Head Deposition, MEMS, compound semiconductor applications and related industries around the globe.

About Hine Automation

Hine Automation, LLC is an emergent designer and manufacturer of vacuum automation systems and robotic components. Serving the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the semiconductor, solar, flat panel display and related industries around the world, the company's robotic components are based on the quality and reliability of the original Hine robotics. Hine satisfies a wide range of needs from flexible research and development environments to more stringent manufacturing environments. Connect with Hine Automation on LinkedIn.