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HINE AUTOMATION SHIPS STAR SL-300 TO ANNEALSYS

TAMPA, FLORIDA, January 6, 2012 – Hine Automation LLC announced today the shipment of its Star SL-300 to Annealsys in Montpellier, France.

The Star SL-300 is a single substrate vacuum transfer system for wafers of 300mm or less in diameter. Its slide and Z-lift mechanisms facilitate single substrate automation of OEM systems that do not have lift pins in the process chamber.

“The integration of the Star SL300 into Annealsys’ MC-200 is a great accomplishment for us,” said Jose Salas, Business Manager at Hine Automation. “The Star was designed with R&D and pilot production environments in mind. Our aim was to reduce or eliminate the many issues encountered with magnetically coupled transfer mechanisms with a cost effective alternative. The integration of the Star into Annealsys’ MC-200 demonstrates that we offer the preferred automated load lock solution.”

“Working with Annealsys has been a great experience. We are proud to be their partner,” added Jose Salas.

About Annealsys

Annealsys was founded in May 2004 by a team with long term expertise in the design and manufacturing of Rapid Thermal Processing and Chemical Vapor Deposition equipment. The range of products offers process tools for Research and Development, Quality Control and Niche Production Applications. Annealsys has a worldwide sales and customer service network to build long-term relationships with its customers, provide high reliability and high quality tools, ensure low cost of ownership, and offer support and service excellence. The company’s website is www.annealsys.com.

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.

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