

Press Release
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NOTE acquires production capacity in China

NOTE is starting a strategic collaboration with Ionics EMS of the Philippines. In the first phase, NOTE will acquire 50% of Ionics EMS's facility in China.

"I'm delighted that we're starting a strategic collaboration with Ionics EMS now, one of Asia's leading EMS providers. This acquisition brings us cost-efficient production capacity in China and Asia. The facility is new (2005) and currently has trained, skilled staff on-site, and new machines. Our intention is to utilise the unit for existing and new customers. We already have customers in the Telecom and Industrial segments that need production in China and Asia. This initiative also means us consolidating our role as a long-term partner for our major customers," commented Arne Forslund, NOTE's CEO and President.

"In the current year, this will generate a marginal effect on sales and earnings but we will see a positive effect as early as during 2008 because we can relocate production to Asia. The new customers we expect to attract through this deal would be additional. The facility has annual production capacity equivalent to some SEK 500 m, and current capacity utilisation is less than SEK 100 m. The acquisition is fully consistent with our long-term strategy of starting production capacity in cost-efficient countries. We can now address customers with a focus on the growing Asian markets," concluded Mr. Forslund.

"With our ODM (original design manufacture) skills, this deal gives us a secure link to the European market, while we see huge opportunities in developing our business connections with NOTE," responded Lawrence C. Qua, CEO and Chairman of Ionics EMS.

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About NOTE

"Our business concept is to produce electronics from design to after-market in close co-operation with our customers."

NOTE is one of the Nordic region's leading contract manufacturers of electronics and is established in Sweden, Finland, Norway, the UK, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland. Net sales for 2006 totalled SEK 1,742 m, and the NOTE group has approximately 1,100 employees. Read more at: www.note.se

About Ionics EMS

Ionics EMS offers a full range of electronics manufacturing services at industry leading levels with distinct advantages through its main locations in the Philippines and China. Ionics EMS is listed in the Singapore Stock Exchange. For further information, please refer to www.ionics-ems.com

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