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AT&S sets another milestone in Shanghai

AT&S, largest producer of printed circuit boards in Europe, starts to equip its third plant in Shanghai. In plant two, after the successful ramp-up of the third production line, an additional line can be installed.

After having put the first plant in Shanghai, China, into operation in 2002, the second plant now also runs with full steam. By ramping-up the third production line, the second plant has been finished as initially planned. Based on the trend towards more complex printed circuit boards, an additional fourth line will be installed. The ramp-up has already begun and will be completed in November of this year.

Simultaneously, the Company will, step by step, put the third plant into operation. Necessary investments into equipment are currently made. Capacities out of this plant will be available in the fourth quarter of the running fiscal year.

“This addition to capacity provides a basis to successfully carry on with our continuous and sustainable expansion. AT&S will clearly gain from the ongoing market growth and will be able to grow 15% within this fiscal year”, illustrates Harald Sommerer, CEO of the Company.

The plants in Shanghai

In year 2002, AT&S put plant-I with an area of 25,000 m² into operation. Right next to it, another building with 75,000 m² has been built. In order to run the operations efficiently, the building has been divided into two entities, plant-II and plant-III.

Technological wise all three plants are set-up for mass production of highly complex laser-drilled HDI printed circuit boards (High Density Interconnection). So far, they were used primarily in handheld products like mobile phones and digital cameras. A new trend shows that due to ongoing miniaturisation and increasing complexity of electronic components, demand also from other customer groups, especially the automotive segment, exists.

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