

AT&S and RIM extend their strategic supplier agreement and cooperation for another 2 Years

Vienna (19 April 2005) - AT&S and Research In Motion (RIM), developer and manufacturer of BlackBerry®, extended their strategic supplier agreement for another two years. AT&S will continue to be a main supplier for printed circuit boards (pcb) for BlackBerry Wireless Handhelds™, and the companies will continue to cooperate closely on technology developments.

“RIM is a major customer for us,” says Willi Dörflinger, CEO of AT&S. “A device such as BlackBerry that delivers so many applications in such a small package, provides a challenge for the pcb supplier. Working in close cooperation and partnership with RIM, AT&S was able to support the incredible growth and the increasing success of BlackBerry worldwide and of course we are very satisfied that this strategic agreement has been extended for another two years!”

About AT&S

The Austrian AT&S group (Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik AG – Austria Technology & System Engineering Corp.) is Europe’s largest and worldwide one of the most powerful producer of printed circuit boards. AT&S is in third place worldwide in the highest technology sector, the HDI Microvia printed circuit boards. With these HDI Microvia printed circuit boards AT&S gains about 65% of its turnover – those printed circuit boards are used mainly in hand-held devices of high-complexity like cell phones, digital cameras or game consoles. AT&S also succeeds in the segments of automotive printed circuit boards and in the field of industrial and medical technology. In those segments AT&S generates about 35% of its turnover.

AT&S provides with its production locations in Austria, India and China global customers as Nokia, Motorola, Research In Motion, Siemens, Sony-Ericsson, TCL-Alcatel or Hella and GE and also smaller companies. For those smaller companies AT&S produces prototypes and small series.

AT&S is listed on the German Stock Market in Frankfurt and is part of the TecDax 30.

About Research In Motion (RIM)

Research In Motion is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of innovative wireless solutions for the worldwide mobile communications market. Through the development of integrated hardware, software and services that support multiple wireless network standards, RIM provides platforms and solutions for seamless access to time-sensitive information including email, phone, SMS messaging, Internet and intranet-based applications. RIM technology also enables a broad array of third party developers and manufacturers to enhance their products and services with wireless connectivity to data. RIM's portfolio of award-winning products, services and embedded technologies are used by thousands of organizations around the world and include the BlackBerry® wireless platform, the RIM Wireless Handheld™ product line, software development tools, radio-modems and software/hardware licensing agreements. Founded in 1984 and based in Waterloo, Ontario, RIM operates offices in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific. RIM is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market (Nasdaq: RIMM) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: RIM). For more information, visit www.rim.com or www.blackberry.com.

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