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BPM Microsystems to Exhibit the Next Generation of the Helix Automated Device Programmer at APEX 2007

HOUSTON — February 13, 2007 — BPM Microsystems, a leading supplier of device programming systems worldwide, will showcase the latest addition to its Helix automated device programmer in booth 2223 at the upcoming APEX 2007 exhibition and conference, scheduled to take place February 20 to 22, 2007, in Los Angeles.

Automating the device programming cycle has always been the preference in electronics manufacturing, but until now, the cost of this equipment was difficult to economically justify. With the introduction of the Helix programming system, device programming customers can get the quality of automated device handling at a lower price point than traditionally available.

As a desktop automated system, the Helix comes standard with two precision-designed tray input and output handling systems with a reject location. The new system is designed to have the same dph and is based on the Helix-TU-10 design. The tray version uses the same core programming technology, as well as the same socket modules as the standard BPM Microsystems automated line. The pressure plates are exchangeable between the two units.

Integrated in the handler are two BPM Micro Enhanced 7th Generation programming sites with FX4™ socket module capability. FX4™ socket module technology allows for programming up to four devices simultaneously per site. The Helix system is designed to handle a wide range of packages including but not limited to MSOP, SOIC, PLCC, SSOP and TSSOP. A tray only version will be available at a later date.

The operational sequence of the machine picks the part from tray input, transfers the part to the programming socket, programs the part, and returns the part to tray output. Integrated motors open and close programming sites in synchronization with the placement and retrieval of parts. The precision tooling head requires no vision system for handling fine-pitched parts, therefore allowing an overall throughput of 800 devices per hour. One computer and software interface controls both BPWin software and handler control operations for a fully integrated programming and handling solution.

Further information on the Helix and other BPM Micro automated programming equipment can be found at www.bpmmicro.com.

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About BPM Microsystems
Established in 1985, BPM Microsystems is a global supplier of electronic device programmers for all applications. The company is the leading supplier of vision-based automated programming systems and sets the standard in device support, performance, ease-of-use, and cost-of-ownership. The company offers a wide variety of device programmers including Universal Programmers, Concurrent Programming Systems® and Fine-Pitch Automated Programming Systems.

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