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PHOTO STENCIL ACQUIRED BY KACHI PARTNERS

Stencil provider increases product/service offering

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – June 29, 2007 – [Photo Stencil](#), the leading provider of premium stencils and additional high-end tooling for the SMT assembly industry, announced on Tuesday that it has been acquired by [Kachi Partners](#), a private equity firm located in Boulder, Colorado, in a leveraged buy-out transaction. The acquisition was financed with debt from [Fifth Third Bank](#) in Denver. [Mirus Capital Advisors](#), a middle-market investment bank based in Massachusetts advised Photo Stencil.

“This transaction represents an important step in Photo Stencil’s long-term growth strategy, which will ultimately include the introduction of new products and services, and geographic expansion that will help us to better serve our customers worldwide,” says Bill Moerbe, president of Photo Stencil.

“Photo Stencil is an extremely well-managed company with a highly scalable business model,” says Eric Weissmann, a managing director at Kachi Partners. “Its comprehensive services and cutting-edge technology will support organic and strategic growth.”

Pallet Manufacturing Expansion

The acquisition will infuse the capital required to accelerate the implementation of key growth initiatives at Photo Stencil, starting with the expansion of wave solder and pallet manufacturing in Colorado Springs. Scheduled to launch in mid-July, this service provides customers with the opportunity to purchase all assembly tooling from a single source using data already provided to fabricate stencils. Other new services will follow in the second half of 2007.

Based in Colorado Springs, with operations in Mexico and Malaysia, Photo Stencil’s extensive line of precision tooling includes electroformed, laser-cut and chemically etched stencils, as well as screens and templates for the manufacturing, assembly and inspection of PCBs. Significant and on-going R&D efforts have made the company a technology leader in the market for over 20 years. Photo Stencil holds six key patents.

Kachi Partners

Kachi Partners is a private equity firm providing equity capital to leading middle-market companies, usually in connection with the acquisition of the company. Kachi invests west of the Mississippi River, with an emphasis on companies located in the Rocky Mountain Region. Kachi seeks to invest in profitable, well-run companies with superior management teams. It seeks out companies with a leadership position in stable, niche markets or some competitive advantage in growth industries. For more information visit www.kachipartners.com.

Photo Stencil

Photo Stencil is a full-service provider of high-performance stencils and tooling for the surface mount technology (SMT) assembly industry. Photo Stencil’s technology includes

the patented AMTX E-FAB[®] electroformed stencils, the high-performance proprietary NicAlloy[™] stencil, laser-cut stencils and chem-etch stencils. Step or multi-level stencils are available in all three of the stencil technologies. Stencil design support and customer specific design libraries are provided.

Other SMT tooling includes thick film and metal mask screens. Photo Stencil offers a complete line of squeegee blades, featuring the patented E-Blade[®] electroformed squeegee blade. Solder pallets, SMT process carriers and populated PCB inspection templates are also available.

Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Photo Stencil was founded in 1979 and currently holds many patents and trademarks, such as AMTX E-FAB electroformed stencils. The company has additional manufacturing facilities in Mexico and Malaysia. More information is available at www.photostencil.com.

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