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ESO Capital Group completes the acquisition of the Global Outsourcing Business together with the Software and Plotter Divisions from Mania.

ESO Capital Group ("ESO") has completed the acquisition from the Administrators of Mania Technologie AG, Mania Deutschland GmbH and Mania Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH of the Outsourcing Business of the Mania Group ("Mania") in the United States of America, Canada, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China and Singapore as well as the Software and Plotters Businesses of Mania Belgium NV (the "Business" or "New Group"). This important step removes these healthy businesses from the uncertainty of the insolvency proceedings and marks a new beginning under the ownership of ESO. With this transaction, ESO has secured the future for over 500 jobs within the New Group. A name for the New Group will be announced shortly.

ESO has been working closely with management and successfully stabilized the Business following the insolvency caused by parts of the unprofitable Production Systems Division. The New Group is well capitalized, unlevered and financially sound. As a long-term financial investor specialized in turnaround and technology investments, ESO is providing the resources to ensure the ongoing financial and operational stability of the New Group. ESO will continue to work closely with management to resolve outstanding issues resulting from the insolvency of Mania.

Under ESO ownership the Outsourcing Business will fulfil its potential as the leading provider of testing services to the PCB Industry. ESO is committed to investing in and developing the long-term success of the Outsourcing Business, which will continue to provide reliable and value added services and support to its customers. ESO will work closely with a strong management team to grow and develop the Outsourcing Business by offering new services and expanding to new locations in response to our customers' needs. ESO will further develop and grow the market leading Plotter and Software businesses. The UCAM software is an important technology for the Outsourcing Business.

The New Group is finalizing solutions to provide ongoing technical support and customer care for Mania's product customers. These solutions will ensure continued support for all Mania's former customers and product groups. Announcements with respect to customer care and the future of Mania's other product technologies are expected in the near future.

ESO is grateful for the support and understanding of customers and suppliers during this difficult period, and would like to assure our business partners of our commitment to continuing and strengthening these relationships. ESO is excited about working together with the management, employees, customers and suppliers of the Outsourcing, Software and Plotter Businesses in order to create a stable and successful future.

ABOUT ESO

ESO Capital Group is a special situations asset management and advisory group focused on turnaround and technology investments. ESO's experienced team has significant operational and investment experience of acquiring businesses out of insolvency. This strategy involves a medium to long-term investment horizon in order to stabilize and develop the businesses. Further ESO's team has a successful track record of investing in over 40 technology and services companies.