

# Press Release

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**ISRA VISION: A successful AUTOMATICA - the most important trade show for Assembly, Robotics and Vision - for ISRA's Industrial Automation business division**

## **AUTOMATICA Boosts Business In The Industrial Automation Division**

Darmstadt, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - ISRA VISION AG (ISIN: DE 0005488100), one of the top five suppliers of industrial image processing globally (Machine Vision) and the world market leader for surface inspection systems, has solidified important contacts with customers and acquired concrete projects at the AUTOMATICA. In numerous talks and presentations the ISRA team succeeded in persuading the customers of the high performance capabilities of ISRA systems and components.

The industrial automation industry meets every two years in Munich at the AUTOMATICA. The importance of this industry is increasing constantly, for robotics are more and more growing into a key sector of the economy and thus also for industrial image processing. Constantly new potential areas of application are waiting to be put into practice. For this reason, this branch of industry will remain a growth driver for the economy even in the future. This growth dynamic was noticeable in Munich at the ISRA booth. The discussions and presentations focused on concrete projects for customers from Germany. Of the approximately 20 percent foreign interested parties, the majority came from Italy, Asia, and Turkey, but there were also those from Spain, France and Scandinavia who were greatly interested in products and technology from ISRA.

Interest was directed at automation solutions, primarily from the automotive, aerospace, and food & packaging sectors, along with the strongly growing photovoltaics industry. The technology with which ISRA teaches robots to see has succeeded in persuading many interested parties. ISRA is already expecting positive impetus for continued growth in the Industrial Automation division for the 2008/2009 fiscal year, which begins in October.

"The mood in this sector is characterized by growth - economic pessimism is hardly to be found here", Enis Ersü, the chairman of the board of ISRA VISION AG, summarizes the impressions from the AUTOMATICA. "The AUTOMATICA was exactly as successful as the DRUPA was in the previous week for the Print Media and Special Paper Business Units. We have gained yet more strong growth impetus for the ISRA Group." ISRA is thus very optimistically looking forward to the Zellcheming, which will be taking place in Wiesbaden (Germany) from June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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## **Company profile:**

ISRA VISION AG in combination with its subsidiaries is one of the top five suppliers of industrial image processing (Machine Vision) globally. Thereby the Machine Vision company concentrates on the business divisions Surface Vision, Robot Vision and Quality Vision. ISRA is the world leader in the surface inspection sector. Today's clients of the ISRA group include amongst others Daimler, KUKA, ABB, BMW, Volkswagen, General Motors, Ford, Schott, Saint Gobain, Pilkington, MAN Roland, Asahi, 3M, DuPont, Stora Enso, Weyerhaeuser, International Paper, Ahlstrom Crane ArcelorMittal, Nippon Steel, Thyssen Krupp, SeverStal and China Steel.

Operating EBT in fiscal year 2006/2007 (ending Sept. 30) was €6.3 million (2005/2006: €10.0 million). Total output for 2006/2007 came to €58.6 million (2005/2006: €53.5 million). During the past ten years, ISRA was able to increase its total output by close to 31% per year on average, while EBT grew by an average 36% per year. The ISRA group is acting worldwide with approx. 400 employees at 16 locations in the regions Europe, Americas and Asia.

ISRA uses digital image processing technology for the optical inspection of endless web materials (such as glass, film, nonwoven, paper and metal) and for robot guidance tasks in the context of automated production and packaging. According to expert estimates, at present only some 25% of possible applications are being exploited. Currently the global market volume comes to some €6.5 billion. Annual growth rates world-wide are currently estimated at 7%.

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