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Cimnet Systems Integrates Polar Instruments' Controlled Impedance Design System with Engenix™

Chicago, IL – August 23, 2002 —Cimnet Systems, Inc. and Polar Instruments today announced that Cimnet Systems will integrate the Polar Si6000b impedance field solver into Engenix—an intelligent pre-production engineering system. With this announcement, Cimnet Systems' customers will now be able to seamlessly import impedance values from Polar's Si6000b impedance field solver directly into auto-stackup generator within Engenix, ensuring improved accuracy and efficiency.

Engenix provides tools for job management and pre-production engineering. It captures and integrates engineering, shop floor, and business data, while transforming knowledge of the engineering department into a strategic asset by reducing the time and costs of engineering orders and increasing product quality.

By bridging the gap between CAM and ERP systems, Engenix streamlines the entire engineering process, so PCB manufacturers can:

- Engineer PCBs quickly, consistently, and accurately by automatically producing travelers, and stackups using optimal material utilization with an intelligent rules-based engine.
- Increase quality and product data management effectiveness by using a rules-based process, while eliminating paper records and duplicate data entry.
- Accurately communicate and collaborate with engineering, production, and customers by leveraging web services and embedded email messaging capabilities.

"Our customers will fully leverage their investment," said Ken Taylor, Polar's Product Manager for the Si6000b. "Engenix is the first-to-market pre-production engineering system that uses engineering and manufacturing rules to automatically generate flawless stackups. By linking our products, customers can improve productivity and quality."

"This integration enables Engenix customers to use one solution for impedance calculation during pre-production engineering," said Iain Wilson, Product Manager at Cimnet Systems. "The impedance data calculated in the Si6000b will be incorporated into the Engenix auto-stackup generator, providing a seamless user experience."

Polar Instrument's Si6000b impedance field solver determines the impedance of carefully

dimensioned track structures within printed circuit boards, and can be used either 'stand alone', or with Engenix™. It has become the de facto standard in the PCB industry, conveniently modeling 39 sophisticated track configurations accurately and reliably, at an easily affordable price.

About Cimnet Systems, Inc.

Based in Downers Grove, Illinois, Cimnet Systems, Inc., develops and markets its Paradigm®, Engenix™, I-Quote, CIMfactory and other software solutions and services to manage sales, engineering, tool generation, production and collaboration processes through a direct sales force with offices in the USA, India, China (Hong Kong), and Germany, as well as sales representatives in Japan, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, and throughout Europe. Cimnet Systems, Inc. has more than 100 customers worldwide including leading PCB manufacturers such as Viasystems, Sanmina, Tyco, Teradyne, WUS, Elec & Eltek, Ividen, Hitachi Chemicals, Wongs, DDI, Tesat (Bosch Telecom), Coretec, CCTC and UMTC. More information about the company can be found at <http://www.cimnetsys.com>.

About Polar Instruments

Polar Instruments is the world leader in the supply of controlled impedance design and test tools to the PCB industry. Polar develops and markets a range of products to simplify the process of designing, testing and faultfinding printed circuit boards. Polar is committed to leading in chosen markets by designing and fully supporting instrumentation and software of the highest quality and performance. Primary emphasis is on ease of use in the belief that excellence is achieved through innovation, attention to detail and a total focus on customer needs. Polar continues to play a formative and educational role in the controlled impedance market. Founded in 1975 with offices in California, UK and Singapore, Polar distributes products through wholly-owned subsidiaries and distributors covering 60 countries. The majority of the world's PCB manufacturers now use Polar's Si6000b for impedance design, and the Controlled Impedance Test System (CITS) for production testing of their coupons or PCBs, as they offer solutions dedicated to this application. The Polar Robotic Impedance Test System (RITS) offers an automated controlled impedance test solution for high volume applications.

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