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ISRA VISION: Market Position Further Expanded Thanks to New Technology Patent

Three strategic technology patents awarded

Darmstadt, June 09, 2008 - ISRA VISION AG (ISIN: DE 0005488100), globally one of the market suppliers for industrial image processing (Machine Vision) and the world's market leader for surface inspection systems, has been granted three strategically important patents. Two patents are based on developments in the Surface Vision sector. The third patent protects an innovation in the Industrial Automation sector, in which ISRA industrial robots are taught to see.

Courtesy of this now patented development, robots can henceforth be utilized even more effectively. The granting of this internationally registered patent will guarantee ISRA a technological edge in the Industrial Automation sector. Both other patents - for inspecting complex glass surfaces, among other things - will augment ISRA's technological and competitive edge in the Surface Vision sector. Here, the ISRA systems detect defects, can classify them and then precisely locate them down to the millimeter. They thus contribute significantly to optimizing the production process.

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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