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Press release

## **Dongguan Somacis Graphic PCB Co. Ltd. invests once more in quality from Schmid**

**In 2006, several wet processing systems (CombiLINE) from Schmid were set into operation by the joint-venture company Dongguan Somacis Graphic PCB Co. Ltd (DSG). Their positive experience with trouble-free processing was the decisive factor for the joint-venture company to continue their successful cooperation with Schmid.**

Due to the successful installation of the CombiLINE systems in 2006 at DSG and the necessity to increase plant capacity, capability and flexibility, the joint venture company decided around mid 2010 to upgrade their Schmid wet-processing equipment with the DES (Developing – Etching – Stripping) and PremiumLINE (pre-cleaning) systems.

Wet-processing equipment from Schmid is available in two system variants. The PremiumLINE has been optimised for clean-room applications; however it is still based on the CombiLINE design, which is distinguished by its modular, upgradeable process structure.

With the new PremiumLINE, DSG now has the facility to produce and process higher quality products, with the capability of flexible PCB thickness below 50 µm. Both DSG and Schmid have risen to the challenges of the market to produce technically demanding high-quality products.

*Background information:*

**About Somacis Graphic:**

In 2006 Somacis PCB industries joined forces with Graphic plc in an equal joint venture project to manufacture high technology rigid and rigid flex printed circuit boards. The 66,000 sq. metre production plant is located in Chashan, Dongguan City, South China. A total of 40 million euros have been invested in the project to date. Dongguan Somacis Graphic PCB Co. Ltd also known as DSG, is well equipped with the latest advanced technology plant and equipment to produce any design of PCB required to the highest standard available.

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**About Schmid:**

Schmid is technologically the world's leading supplier of system and process solutions for printed circuit board technology, flat panel display production as well as for the photovoltaic industry concerning thin film applications and the manufacture of solar wafers, cells and modules. The product portfolio comprises single equipment and turnkey production lines with guaranteed performance parameters such as production capacity and degree of efficiency. The Schmid Group covers the entire solar value-creation chain with a high percentage of in-house production. The tradition of a system supplier is already continuing in the fifth generation with the focus on customer-orientated process solutions, economical concepts and a continuous development of new process technologies in their own research centers. The Schmid Group produces with 2,000 employees worldwide in Germany, Taiwan, Japan, China and USA and is represented worldwide with numerous service branches. The group sales volume in 2009 was 400 Million Euro.

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