



ASTER Appoint *Testforce* as Distributor in Canada

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Cesson-Sévigné, FRANCE – February 19th, 2008: ASTER, the leading supplier of Board-Level Testability analysis, test coverage analysis and quality management tools are pleased to announce the decision to appoint *Testforce* as the local distributor in Canada.

Testforce will distribute and support the suite of ‘TestWay’ Electrical Board DfT (Design for Test) and Fault Coverage Analysis tools; ‘QuadView’ next generation board viewer; and ‘QUAD’ quality management and tracking tool from its offices within the Canadian territory.

“We are extremely pleased to be working closely with *Testforce* because they have an excellent track record of sales, service and support in the Canadian test industry. There are a significant number of complex products being developed by Canadian companies that we believe will benefit enormously from using the ASTER suite of tools for maximizing design for test and improving product quality from design through to production, resulting in improved product yield” said Pete Collins, sales and marketing manager for ASTER Technologies.

Mr. Tony Tirelli, VP Business Development of *Testforce*, said “We are very pleased to partner with ASTER Technologies in order to market their innovative suite of products. ASTER is recognized globally as the leader in providing electrical DfT and Fault Coverage analysis tools to the electronics industry. Adding ‘TestWay’, ‘QuadView’ and ‘QUAD’ to our portfolio of products is a strategic move for us, as these products are unique within the industry in allowing customers to optimize production yields by analyzing DfT requirements and test coverage early, during the design cycle, and providing full traceability during the manufacturing process”.

Improving yield management requires a deep insight into all quality aspects of electronics production. This is achieved through comprehensive electrical DfT analysis early in the design cycle, leading to efficient test distribution and fault coverage verification. This is critical for ensuring the elimination of faulty products delivered to the customer by optimizing the test strategy to provide significant cost reductions

ASTER’s TestWay product is currently used by leading electronics companies worldwide, such as Airbus, Flextronics, Celestica, Motorola, Nortel Networks, Alcatel-Lucent, Siemens, Ericsson and Nokia etc. Many small to medium companies responsible for either the design or manufacturing of electronic products are also realizing the benefits of using products, such as TestWay early in the product development cycle.

About ASTER Technologies

ASTER is the leading supplier in Board-Level Testability analysis tools, capitalizing on proven expertise in board testability and strong customer relations. Founded in 1993, ASTER develops a wide range of products dealing with PCB Testability, Viewing and Quality Management. TestWay is a proven solution at many PCB design and manufacturers worldwide that provides a unique approach to take into account electrical testability requirements early in the design chain.

For more information about the company and its solutions, please visit www.aster-technologies.com or call ASTER on +33 299 83 01 01

About Testforce Systems Inc.

With headquarters in Montreal and sales, service and support offices in Ottawa, Toronto, and Calgary, Testforce provides industry leading solutions through its three divisions; Test & Measurement, Tele/Fiber, and Integrated Systems. For over 16 years the company’s dynamic approach has allowed them to serve diverse markets and meet the needs of unique applications. Through an offering of quality products, superior knowledge, and dedicated customer service Testforce increases efficiency and reduces cost of test.

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