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RITTAL AND PIXUS TECHNOLOGIES ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS NORTH AMERICAN ELECTRONIC ENCLOSURE MARKETPLACE.

Partners enter into a North American manufacturing and distribution agreement to deliver legacy Kaparel and Ripac products and cutting edge ATCA and uTCA solutions.

Herborn, Germany and Waterloo, Canada— May 14, 2010 — [Rittal](#) GmbH, a leading provider of enclosure technologies and Pixus Technologies, a leading provider of ATCA and uTCA hardware enclosure solutions, today announced that the two companies have entered into an agreement to supply backplane, and integrated enclosures to communications, medical, industrial, and military/aerospace customers in North America. Under the partnership, Pixus Technologies will directly provide backplanes, integrated chassis based on PICMG and VITA Specifications. In addition, Pixus Technologies will be the supplier to North American customers of custom systems and components developed by Rittal and the former Kaparel Corporation. The combination of Pixus' systems design and product expertise, and Rittal's world-wide manufacturing capabilities, will provide an innovative product offering for past and future customers. The companies will market these combined solutions in the communications, medical, industrial, and military/aerospace marketplaces.

"The experience of Pixus Technologies management in designing world-class enclosure products for communications, medical, industrial, and military/aerospace markets was the basis for entering into this mutually beneficial agreement, and we are pleased to have them provide manufacturing and engineering services for the former customers of Kaparel Corporation," said Dr. Tomas Steffen, Executive Vice President of Rittal. "This partnership will ensure our customers can select from an even broader range of integrated platform solutions that provide the choice, flexibility, and time-to-market advantages required by their markets."

"Rittal is the leading global provider of electronic packaging for use in the communications, industrial, military/aerospace, and medical markets and we look forward to bringing cutting-edge solutions to market together," stated Jacques Houde, President of Pixus Technologies. "Our customer base is looking for quality, on-time delivery of integrated vendor solutions, and partners with proficiency in designing, manufacturing, and implementing these solutions. The Rittal/Pixus partnership will benefit our mutual customer base by providing a wide array of technology options."



Telecommunications and military/aerospace customers will benefit from the synergies that the Rittal/Pixus partnership offers. Rittal and Pixus have demonstrated abilities in developing innovative solutions based PICMG and VITA standards including cPCI, VME, VPX, ATCA and uTCA. This standards based hardware is ideal for many applications because of the advantages in reducing time to market and COTS availability.

Rittal GmbH & Co. KG

Rittal GmbH & Co. KG, which has its headquarters in Herborn, Germany, is one of the world's leading system suppliers for housing and enclosure technologies, power distribution systems, system climate control and IT infrastructure. Customers from all sectors of industry, from mechanical and plant engineering, as well as from the IT and telecoms market, are making use of system solutions from Rittal.

Its broad product range also includes complete solutions for modular and energy-efficient data centres: from innovative security concepts for data systems (formerly known as Litcos) through to physical data and system security for IT infrastructures (formerly known as Lampertz). The leading software providers Eplan and Mind8 - Rittal subsidiaries - are supplementing the Rittal product portfolio with interdisciplinary engineering solutions.

Founded in 1961, Rittal is now active worldwide with 12 production sites, 63 subsidiaries and 40 agencies. With 9,000 employees worldwide, Rittal is the largest company of the proprietor-run Friedhelm Loh Group of Haiger, Germany. The entire group employs more than 10,500 people and generated revenues of more than € 2.2 billion in 2008. Further information at www.rittal.com and www.friedhelm-loh-group.com.

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ABOUT PIXUS TECHNOLOGIES

Pixus Technologies is a leading provider of backplanes, electronic packaging enclosures, and components based on open standards including cPCI, PXI, ATCA, mTCA, VME, and VPX for use in the communications, industrial, defense, and medical markets. Pixus Technologies was founded by senior management formerly of Kaparel Corporation and its engineering expertise addresses the challenges in signal integrity, thermal design, and power management technologies. The innovative and market leading solutions of Pixus Technologies enable equipment manufacturers and network operators to bring the most advanced products and services to market faster, more economically and with higher performance. For more information, visit <http://www.pixustechnologies.com>, write to info@pixustechnologies.com, or call 519-885-5775.