ESCATEC signs strategic agreement with GMMI Texchem to offer one stop design and manufacturing service for medical device and system OEMs

Heerbrugg, Switzerland – October 31, 2011 – ESCATEC, the EMS innovator, has signed a strategic partnership agreement with GMMI Texchem, a leading manufacturer of complete single-use medical devices including moulded or extruded plastic components for medical use -- typically disposable items such as catheters, sensors, probes, etc. The combined skill set creates a one stop shop for the design and manufacture of medical electronic devices from the initial research and design through to volume production along with the disposable parts that gather the data from patients.
ESCATEC is one of the few contract design and manufacturing companies in the world to be certified to Class 2 and Class 3 for the manufacture of medical devices, the ISO13485 [1] quality management standards. The company has already manufactured many different types of medical products for customers, some of which were designed from scratch by ESCATECs R&D department and involved the invention and patenting of new solutions. GMMI Texchem, also has a strong R&D department that specialises in medical materials research to find the appropriate plastic or polymer for a given application and is also certified to ISO13485. Its state of the art manufacturing facilities in Malaysia can handle very high volume production as they include 63 plastic injection moulding machines.

"Medical device manufacture is a key growth area for ESCATEC and this partnership with GMMI Texchem enables us to provide customers with a complete, integrated solution to their design and manufacturing needs," said Gerhard Klauser, General Manager at ESCATEC Switzerland. "Both companies share a common philosophy of providing products designed and manufactured to the highest international quality standards."

Dr. Frank Kubik, COO at GMMI Texchem, added, "Both companies are very excited about the new opportunities that this joint agreement opens up. The two sales teams will be able to sell the others capabilities so, effectively, we both have an increased sales force with an enlarged database of prospective customers."

The two companies are joining forces for the first time on a shared booth (8bM25) at COMPAMED (16-18 November, 2011) in Dusseldorf, Germany.
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