



PRESS RELEASE: I-Cubed Sub-License Agreement
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STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO, CANADA – September 25, 2017. I-Cubed Industry Innovators Inc. (I-Cubed) has entered into a Sub-License Agreement with the Motoman Robotics Division of Yaskawa America, Inc. (Yaskawa Motoman).

Through a License Agreement with Nihon Shoryoku Kikai Co., Ltd (NSK), Yaskawa Motoman currently has exclusive rights in the Americas for the technology, manufacturing and sales of ultrasonic trimming and profile routing technology for non-metallic parts. The Sub-License Agreement will extend the rights to I-Cubed for sales to certain identified market segments and customers in North America.

Targeting automotive tier one interior trim suppliers, I-Cubed will integrate a high-speed Yaskawa Motoman robot with NSK's patented ultrasonic trimming and routing tools. The ultrasonic knife tools feature specially designed HSS carbide blades oscillating at 40 kHz.

Ultrasonic trimming is a sustainable alternative to some waterjet or laser trimming applications and offers advantages of lower requirements for power, water, sound enclosures, etc. Because the ultrasonic blades can be sharpened many times in-station, ultrasonic trimming also offers lower operating, maintenance and consumable costs. This technology also may reduce worker injury and alleviate the repetitive stress that is typically seen with manual routing and trimming applications.

Ultrasonic trimming provides a cleaner cut on most materials and is ideal for a variety of non-metallic materials including molded plastics, fiberglass-reinforced plastic and non-woven fabrics. Potential applications include automotive interior components such as door trim, headliners, instrument panels, consoles, floor carpets and HVAC molded components.

"We are excited to be working with the Yaskawa Motoman team on the development of the ultrasonic cutting market in North America" says Casey DiBattista, President of I-Cubed. "With Yaskawa Motoman's expertise in industrial robotics and I-Cubed's knowledge of robotic cutting solutions, the EcoTrim ultrasonic technology will provide I-Cubed's customers with innovative cutting solutions suitable for shops of all sizes. This advanced technology will allow customers to optimize their automation projects, reduce their operating costs and improve trim quality in a wide variety of materials."

“Over the years, I-Cubed has integrated many robotic cutting solutions using Motoman® technology,” says Steve Barhorst, President and COO of Yaskawa Motoman “Adding ultrasonic technology to their capabilities is the next natural step in their application portfolio.” We are proud to continue to expand this relationship with I-Cubed. Our goal is to work with our partners to help provide solutions that are environmentally friendly, as well as increase productivity and improve product quality.”

About I-Cubed

I-Cubed Industry Innovators Inc. is an entrepreneurial high tech machinery manufacturer which provides automation solutions with innovation and integrity. Established in 2008 by the Company’s CEO David Bunker, I-Cubed is an employee owned Canadian corporation.

The company’s products are a broad range of industrial automation tools centered on custom designed robotic machinery and waterjet equipment. The company has 50+ employees and operates from modern facilities in Stoney Creek, Ontario. I-Cubed shares its facilities with sister company Southport Thermal Components Inc., a custom component manufacturer with expertise in the use of waterjet technology to provide a competitive edge to itself and its customers. For more information, please visit www.icubed.biz

About Yaskawa Motoman

Founded in 1989, the Motoman Robotics Division of Yaskawa America, Inc. is a leading robotics company in the Americas. With over 360,000 Motoman® robots installed globally, Yaskawa provides automation products and solutions for virtually every industry and robotic application; including arc welding, assembly, coating, dispensing, material handling, material cutting, material removal, packaging, palletizing and spot welding. For more information, please visit www.motoman.com.

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