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## Creation Technologies Chooses CheckSum Open Platform Test System

**Arlington, WA—February 4, 2009—** Creation Technologies, a global Top-50 Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) provider has purchased and installed a CheckSum Analyst *ems* Open Platform Board Test System in its St. Peter, Minnesota business unit.

John Makela, General Manager of Creation Technologies - St. Peter stated, "We chose the Analyst system for its test strategy flexibility and outstanding price/performance value."

"The fast product launches required by our customers in today's competitive environment means that test strategy development and execution plays a critical role in their product success. The Analyst is the ideal platform for fast implementation of in-circuit and functional test, as well as high throughput programming of flash and microcontroller chips."

Orlin Palm, Test Engineering Leader of Creation Technologies – St. Peter stated

"Its flexible dual-level fixturing system and straightforward programming mean we can develop test jobs for our customer more quickly and at a much lower cost than we can on traditional "big iron" in-circuit

testers. The bottom line is better value for our customers and a competitive advantage for Creation Technologies.”

The Analyst system installed at Creation Technologies - St. Peter includes 900 in-circuit test points, TestJet Technology, the DIG-1 digital I/O module, the FUNC-2 Module for function generator, counter-timer and differential DMM capabilities, as well as programmable power supplies. The integrated 12KN fixture system provides low-cost dual-level capability essential for tests including both in-circuit and functional test.

John VanNewkirk, CheckSum CEO observed, “Creation Technologies evaluated a number of alternatives and chose the CheckSum Analyst system because its architecture and capabilities lets them offer their customers a very attractive price/performance point across a wide range of test strategies. Creation Technologies has also used our older test systems for several years in other business units with great success. This success allowed the St. Peter business unit to observe firsthand the benefits of adopting a low-cost in-circuit test strategy.”

**About CheckSum:**

CheckSum is a leading supplier of low-cost circuit board test and ISP device programming solutions—including systems, fixtures, and programs—to the electronics manufacturing industry. CheckSum has been delivering reliable, cost-effective, and flexible test solutions to OEMs and contract manufacturers for 21 years. With an installed base exceeding 3,000 systems installed at more than 200 companies in over 40 countries, CheckSum helps customers ranging from automotive electronics manufacturers to global EMS providers reduce their total test and manufacturing costs and increase their manufacturing margins.

Based in Arlington, Washington, CheckSum is the only North American Automated Test Equipment (ATE) supplier to offer turnkey test program and fixturing packages solutions and an engineering-

oriented approach to customer support, giving customers a cost-saving alternative to traditional ATE suppliers. Satisfied customers helped CheckSum win an Evaluation Engineering “Readers’ Choice” award in the category of ATE and a “Best in Test” Honorable Mention from Test and Measurement World. For more information, visit [www.checksum.com](http://www.checksum.com).

**About Creation Technologies:**

Creation Technologies is a global Top-50 Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) provider focused on manufacturing complex electronics for businesses in the industrial controls, instrumentation, medical, wireless and other communications, safety and security, defense and transportation markets. The company provides complete manufacturing solutions from design support and new product development to final assembly, packaging and product distribution to its customers across North America.

Creation's financial strength, employee ownership philosophy and commitment to ongoing investment in its technical capabilities have created a highly stable partner for Original Equipment Manufacturers.

Headquartered in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, Creation Technologies employs approximately 2,400 at 11 manufacturing facilities located in North America and China. For more information about Creation Technologies, visit [www.creationtech.com](http://www.creationtech.com)

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