

News Release

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Stadium Electronics marks 8 years in China with ISO medical manufacturing approval

As Stadium Electronics Hartlepool celebrates 8 years in global manufacturing, it has achieved a significant approval at its Asia manufacturing facility.

The internationally recognised ISO 13485:2003 standard for the manufacture of medical devices was granted following a 12 month programme to develop the Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) facilities within the Guangdong Province of China, which now includes a class 10,000 clean room, medical documentation control and fully audited traceability system.

ISO 13485 is a complement to the ISO 9001 Quality, ISO 14001 Environmental and TS16949 Automotive standards already in place and adds considerable value to the Stadium Electronics offering in the high reliability and high technology medical sector.

Nigel Rogers, Chief Executive said: "This accreditation really demonstrates our commitment to customers in this specialist sector in which high reliability and traceability are critical requirements. We can now offer comprehensive manufacturing support in the medical sector and we will continue to invest in expanding the capabilities of our operations both in the UK and in China to build on our key strengths. We have enhanced both production and staff facilities significantly in the last 12 months and are adding additional surface mount production capacity to both the UK and China operations this year."

"Our wholly owned China facility has complemented our UK operation for some time now, through direct access to competitive, high volume manufacturing. However, as we continue to develop the knowledge, expertise and capability of the China plant, we are now re-positioning to an offering that includes high technology product, R&D and higher levels of design expertise.

"This latest medical certification is a key step towards future growth in the niche areas such as the medical device market."

ISO 13485:2003 is an internationally recognised standard that focuses on maintaining product safety, risk management, inspection and traceability, documentation, validation of processes for sterile medical devices, and demonstrates an organisations ability to provide medical devices that consistently meet customer and regulatory requirements.

Stadium Electronics provides a full customer-focused turnkey manufacturing service from printed circuit boards to full product build. Stadium Asia was created in 2000 following the acquisition of Arlec International, China and employs over 1200 people including significant design and R&D resource. Stadium Group recently reported turnover for 2007 in excess of £40m of which £20m was accredited to turnover in China.

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Notes to Editors:

Stadium Group plc has been in operation since 1911 and is a leading supplier of electronic manufacturing solutions and power supplies to the consumer, industrial, healthcare, automotive and telecommunications industries worldwide.

Company activities:

Stadium Electronics	- Electronic manufacturing services EMS
Stadium Power	- Power supplies
Stadium Asia	- Wholly owned manufacturing operation in China
Stadium Building Products	- Ventilation and plastic products
Quest Consumer Products	- Branded plastic products for the baby care market

The Group's headquarters is based on Brenda Road, Hartlepool with manufacturing sites also in operation in Peterborough, Diss, Newbury and London. An additional manufacturing facility in China was acquired in 2000.

Stadium Group plc floatation onto the London stock market took place in 1996

There is no association to Stadium Plastics Ltd, also on Brenda Road, Hartlepool. Stadium Plastics Ltd was originally part of the Group but was sold in 2001.

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