

RIBER acquires MBE Control Solutions and further strengthens its positions in the US

Bezons, March 19, 2015 – 7:00 am – RIBER, the global specialist for molecular beam epitaxy (MBE), is announcing its acquisition of MBE Control Solutions.

Founded in 2005 by Andy Jackson, and based in Santa Barbara, USA, MBE Control Solutions is one of California's leading MBE service and equipment firms. With unique software and automation expertise, MBE Control Solutions has developed a strong reputation for maintenance and refurbishment services covering all types of MBE systems, with prestigious industrial and research references.

Renowned for its expertise, competitiveness and high level of flexibility, MBE Control Solutions has a strong reputation within the American MBE community. The company has sophisticated infrastructures (clean room, CNC power tools, etc.) to ensure its quality of service and responsiveness.

MBE Control Solutions generated \$1.2 million of revenues in 2014 and employs five people. With its recurring revenues and streamlined cost structure, the acquisition of MBE Control Solutions will be accretive for RIBER.

Thanks to this acquisition, RIBER is further strengthening its customer service activities in the United States, with better regional and commercial coverage. More specifically, as the RIBER Inc. and MBE Control networks integrate, this will make it possible to enhance the offer for customers of both companies, while strengthening RIBER's competitive position throughout America. Andy Jackson will head the operations of the company in the US.

The acquisition of MBE Control Solutions will be financed by using virtually all the treasury shares held by RIBER, which were assigned to the external growth objective (representing nearly 1% of RIBER's capital).

Andy Jackson, Chairman and CEO of MBE Control Solutions, explains : "By combining RIBER's extensive portfolio of sources and systems with our advanced manufacturing capabilities and expertise in MBE process control, we will be able to serve our customers more effectively. Furthermore, RIBER's global commercial network will provide a much broader audience for our products. Finally and perhaps most importantly, our alliance with RIBER is the opportunity to continue innovating and improving our products and services."

As Frédéric Goutard, Chairman of the Executive Board, concludes: "Our acquisition of MBE Control Solutions will enable us to ramp up our development on a vital market for semiconductor research and innovation. The operational and commercial synergies between our two companies will pave the way for us to significantly strengthen the quality of our services and our growth forecasts in North America. With this in mind, I am delighted that Andy Jackson and his team are joining RIBER. Their vast experience and knowledge of the market will be crucial assets as we continue moving forward with our project for profitable growth together".

ABOUT RIBER:

Riber designs and produces molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) systems as well as evaporation sources and cells for the semiconductor industry. This high-tech equipment is essential for the manufacturing of compound semiconductor materials and new materials that are used in numerous consumer applications, from new information technologies to OLED flat screens and new-generation solar cells.

Riber recorded €16.6 million in revenues for 2014, with 96 employees at the end of 2014. The company is ISO9001 certified. Riber is listed on NYSE-Euronext Paris, Compartment "C", and is part of the CAC Small, CAC Mid & Small, CAC Technology and CAC T. HARD. & EQ indices. Riber is one of the best-rated companies in the Gaïa-index, the leading SRI index for French mid-caps. Riber is eligible for SME share-based savings schemes.



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