

MEI Expands Capabilities with Purchase of IDX Robotics

Albany, OR November 28, 2005 - MEI, LLC of Albany, Ore., has purchased the assets of IDX Robotics of Corvallis, Ore.

IDX Robotics' main product is software used to run a variety of automated systems, including wet processing equipment used by semiconductor manufacturers in the production of memory and microprocessor chips. The purchase also includes exclusive licensing rights to the IDX Robotics software code.

According to Dan Cappello, chief executive officer at MEI, IDX Robotics' product and service offerings mesh perfectly with MEI's core capabilities in wet system manufacturing and service, including full service equipment and parts manufacturing, as well as the ability to upgrade and retrofit existing in-house systems and software for its clients.

"MEI will also begin licensing the IDX Robotics software to other process equipment manufacturers," Cappello notes. Cappello adds that the purchase will provide MEI and licensees of the IDX Robotics software with the expertise of IDX Robotics founding partner Steve Gray as software engineering manager.

About MEI

MEI (formerly Marler Enterprises, Inc.) is an Oregon-based company that provides precision manufacturing products, systems, integration and support services to semiconductor and other high technology industries. Founded in 1990, MEI has grown in size and experience over the last 15 years and currently specializes in wet process systems and services, process tool rigging and crating systems, and clean room safety, ergonomic and support equipment.