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**Xycom Automation Announces the Sale of the VME Embedded Business Unit**

Saline, MI – May 21, 2004 – Xycom Automation, Inc., a subsidiary of Pro-face America, Inc. and a market leader in Industrial PCs, announces the sale of the VME Embedded Business Unit and assets to Monroe PMP.

Monroe PMP, with the support of their partner, Saline Lectronics, announced today that it has acquired the net assets related to the VME business unit from Xycom Automation, Inc. The related purchase agreement includes the right to design, manufacture, maintain, market and sell the complete XVME product line. Saline Lectronics, Xycom Automation's former VME contract board manufacturer, currently manufactures 95% of Xycom's VME product. This new entity brings direct manufacturing facilities and capabilities back to the Xycom VME group, providing increased operational efficiencies and responsiveness to current and new embedded business opportunities.

Although it is no longer owned by Xycom Automation, Inc., this VME business unit division will be called "Xycom VME", which will be run by Jerry Tubbs and supported by the core people of the old Embedded Business Unit. Jerry Tubbs was the Business Unit Manager of Xycom Automation's Embedded Systems Group.

Nicholas Gihl, President of Xycom Automation, Inc. explained, "The sale of the Xycom VME business unit to Monroe PMP allows Xycom to redirect resources to its core product lines of industrial computers, flat panel monitors and operator interface products, yet provided us the ability to transition the VME business to an entity that is not only planning on maintaining the VME product line but looking forward to enhancing it."

Jerry Tubbs, President of Xycom VME, points out, "This transaction is a positive move for the Xycom VME team and will allow us to be a 100% focused VME and Embedded "MANUFACTURING" company!"

For more information about Xycom VME products, ordering information, or technical support, please contact MaryJo Feldkamp at (734) 944-1942.

Xycom Automation is a leading global supplier of innovative industrial automation solutions. Principal products include PC-based, open architecture visualization and control offerings.

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Xycom products serve industrial, automotive, aerospace, packaging, plastics, textile, and other markets, with hardware and software installed in over 200,000 factory-floor systems worldwide.

Xycom Automation is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pro-face America, Inc., and provides marketing and sales for all Pro-face products in North, Central, and South America, and all Xycom products worldwide. Headquartered in Saline, Michigan, Xycom has employees and representatives around the world.

Founded in January 1999, Pro-face America, Inc. is a majority-owned subsidiary of Digital Electronics Corporation based in Osaka, Japan. Pro-face America, the North American headquarters of Digital, is located in Glendale Heights, IL.

For more information about Xycom Automation and Pro-face America, visit [www.xycom.com](http://www.xycom.com).

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