Primagraphics wins £500,000 contract from DRS Rugged Systems for OPUS-2 console

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CAMBRIDGE, UK, April 5, 2002 - Primagraphics (http://www.primagraphics.net), the command & control, video and graphics specialist, has won a £500,000 contract from DRS Rugged Systems Europe (http://www.drs-rse.com) to supply the graphics, radar, sonar and TV video display subsystem for the first production batch of its new OPUS-2 console.

The new console range has been developed under a private venture initiative by DRS to address the naval, aerospace and land systems markets. In this first production contract, 35 consoles are being supplied to fulfill an export naval requirement.

"This new contract represents a further step forward in the relationship between Primagraphics and DRS both in the USA and in Europe," said John Shave, managing director, Primagraphics. "The two companies have already undertaken several successful projects and future co-operation on console development is planned."

The new console is modular and can be configured for either one or two 21" flat panel displays, plus an optional 10" touch panel. The console is supplied with an electronics module to house processing and display electronics.

Primagraphics' subsystem will include its CAT graphics processor and Panther display controller, driving two screens, each at a resolution of 1600 by 1200 pixels; its Virgo++ radar interface card and Vantage-II radar scan converter board to provide display of scan converted radar video; and a Leopard TV windows daughter board, fitted to the CAT graphics processor, to deliver up to two live TV windows on the displays.

Primagraphics is a recognised leader in the development of processing and display systems for military and civil applications. Its systems, for the VME, PCI and Compact PCI bus, are in use throughout the world for airborne and shipborne command and control consoles, vessel tracking, air traffic control and air defence systems.

Details of Primagraphics' range of cards and systems solutions are given on Primagraphics' web site at www.primagraphics.net. For more information please telephone +44 (0) 1763 852222 or email sales@primagraphics.net .

About Primagraphics (http://www.primagraphics.net)

Primagraphics, a specialist supplier of graphics and video display systems for the VME, PCI and Compact PCI bus is a recognised leader in the radar and command and control markets. Its expertise encompasses radar scan conversion and tracking solutions, as well as compression, decompression and distribution of data (radar and TV video) across wide and local area networks.

As well as providing a range of commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) products, Primagraphics designs and manufactures high performance systems to meet specific customer requirements. The company offers a full turnkey service to its clients (companies such as BAE SYSTEMS, EDO Corporation, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon) including hardware, systems integration, standard and customised software, technical expertise and support.

Founded in 1982, Primagraphics' European headquarters is located at Litlington, near Cambridge, UK. It also has offices in the USA (Amherst, MA) and a network of dealers and distributors worldwide. Primagraphics is a member of the VMEbus International Trade Association (VITA).

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