

# Brooks Automation will Automate the Eight-inch STMicroelectronics fab in Rousset, France

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STMicro plans significant additional enhancements to the Rousset fab in 2001.

Winnersh Triangle, UK - April 5, 2000 - Brooks Automation, Inc. (NASDAQ: BRKS), a leader in semiconductor tool and factory automation solutions for the global semiconductor industry, today announced it has signed a multi-million dollar deal to provide a full SMIF automation and tracking solution for the STMicroelectronics eight-inch fab in Rousset, France.

The Brooks Automation Factory Interface business unit, formerly Jenoptik Infab, will be responsible for automating the Rousset fab with Brooks' full suite of fab automation solutions, including its ERGOSPEED II SMIF robotics, mini-environments, lot identification systems, wafer logistics stations (sorters) and cell control solutions. Brooks has contracted with STMicroelectronics to automate approximately half of the Rousset fab, with the option of extending the contract for the next phase of automation.

STMicroelectronics based its choice of Brooks' factory automation systems on Brooks' proven track record in solving challenges related to SMIF automation, as well as on the advanced capabilities of Brooks' lot ID and global tracking solution. The decision was further based on the company's assessment of the high reliability and cleanliness of Brooks SMIF solutions.

"We are pleased that STMicroelectronics, one of the world's leading semiconductor suppliers, will continue to rely on Brooks Automation's products for all areas of semiconductor fab automation," said Robert J. Therrien, President and Chief Executive Officer of Brooks Automation, Inc. "The STMicroelectronics order demonstrates that Brooks Automation is the low-risk choice to deliver turnkey SMIF automation solutions to meet the reliability and cleanliness requirements of today's leading eight-inch fabs."

Brooks Automation, Inc.

We are a leading supplier of integrated tool and factory automation solutions for the global semiconductor manufacturing and related industries. Our automation solutions are designed to optimise equipment and factory productivity. These solutions include tool automation modules, complete semiconductor wafer handling systems and automation software and integration services. We sell our tool automation products principally to manufacturers of process equipment used in semiconductor fabrication facilities, or fabs. We sell our factory automation products principally to semiconductor manufacturers. We also sell our products to data storage and flat panel display manufacturers. We believe that we are the largest independent producer of vacuum tool automation systems and a leading independent producer of tool software and controls. The Company has ISO 9001 certification, is headquartered in Chelmsford, Mass. and has direct operations in the United States, Canada, Europe, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Singapore. The Brooks' web site is [www.brooks.com](http://www.brooks.com).

## STMicroelectronics

STMicroelectronics (formerly SGS-THOMSON Microelectronics) is a global independent semiconductor company that designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of semiconductor integrated circuits (ICs) and discrete devices used in a wide variety of microelectronic applications, including telecommunications systems, computer systems, consumer products, automotive products and industrial automation and control systems. Additional information on STMicroelectronics can be found at [www.st.com](http://www.st.com).

"Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: The foregoing discussion contains forward-looking statements relating to the expected benefits of Brooks Automation's products sold to STMicroelectronics' eight-inch fab in Rousset, France. These statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties including, without limitation, risks relating to the manner in which the customer uses the products and integrates the products with other components, the Company's dependence on the cyclical semiconductor industry, the ability of the Company to continue to successfully develop and market new products and product enhancements on a timely basis, the Company's dependence on relatively few customers for a significant portion of its revenues, the Company's reliance on sales to OEM customers and the lengthy sales cycles of those customers, the highly competitive nature and rapid technological change that characterize the industries in which the Company competes, and other risks and uncertainties described in the Company's reports and registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a result, there can be no assurance that the Company's future results will not be materially different from those projected. The forward-looking statements contained herein speak only of the Company's expectations as of the date of this press release. The Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any such statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

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