

Increased manufacturing capability provides greater accessibility and capacity for DC/DC modules

Affirming its commitment to customers, Ericsson Power Modules has consolidated its manufacturing capability, simultaneously increasing production at two major sites. The move gives the company first class production facilities and the ability to manufacture its products locally in geographical areas where they are required by OEMs and CEMs. Additionally, the company's extra capacity means that it is ready and able to take on extra work when the industry upturn arrives.

Says Keith Merrill, Director of Operations US, "Production of the company's DC/DC modules in the US has now finished, and our Kalmar and Shanghai sites have taken on this work. This change over has been completed smoothly, and our manufacturing capabilities have reached a new high.

"Many of our clients who purchase from the US, have their own production facilities in China. As a global company we have to respond to our customers needs and provide a local service coupled to a strong manufacturing capability."

The Shanghai plant is equipped with the latest automated manufacturing equipment to ensure both lowest production costs and highest product quality. It is designed to mirror Ericsson's Kalmar factory in Sweden, guaranteeing the same high levels of manufacturing yield and product reliability. The 4000 sq.m. factory will serve both local and global markets for Ericsson's advanced DC/DC power modules.

Marketing Director, Patrick Le Fevre, commented:

"The increased capacity at our Kalmar and Shanghai plants ensures that we are ready to respond to the expected rapid growth in demand as 3G networks are deployed over the next few years. In addition, it will enable the rapid introduction of new products."

Ericsson Power Modules' plant in China is a new, highly automated facility at the high technology park in Jiading District, north-west of Shanghai. It employs 120 people, has a clean-classed ESD protected area for manufacturing and its assembly lines include the latest equipment from leading suppliers, burn-in systems and advanced test and failure analysis equipment for DC/DC converters.

The company's 10000 sq m Kalmar plant employs 140 people in a truly state-of-the-art facility that was newly designed and equipped in 2000 and forward. The highly automated plant's production capacity is seven million pieces per year.

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