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Plasma-Therm adds systems, engineering expertise with the acquisition of JLS Designs Ltd.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (March 24, 2020) — Plasma-Therm, a leading manufacturer of plasma-process equipment for the semiconductor industry, has acquired JLS Designs Ltd., a UK-based supplier of compact plasma systems and custom-designed engineering solutions, company officials announced today.

“This transaction immediately increases our capabilities, both to support existing customers in the United Kingdom and to attract new customers throughout Europe,” said Jim Garstka, Plasma-Therm vice president of sales and business development. “This is a strategic acquisition to increase our presence in the UK and Europe, and to enhance the award-winning customer service that Plasma-Therm provides around the world.”

Garstka continued, “We are excited also to be adding specialized engineering capabilities, for which JLS Designs team is known, and to bring the myriad process technologies they have developed to the Plasma-Therm portfolio.”

John Sambell, formerly of JLS Designs and now Plasma-Therm business line manager, said, “The PlasmaPOD is a unique product addition to Plasma-Therm’s portfolio, offering high-performance capabilities for etch and deposition in a table-top package. We are excited to join Plasma-Therm, and look forward to reaching new customers through an integrated, global sales network.”

About Plasma-Therm

Established in 1974, Plasma-Therm is a manufacturer of advanced plasma processing equipment for specialty semiconductor markets, including advanced packaging, wireless communication, photonics, solid-state lighting, MEMS/NEMS, nanotechnology, renewable energy, data storage, photomask, and R&D. Plasma-Therm offers leading etch and deposition technologies and solutions for these markets. Sales and service locations throughout North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific meet the diverse needs of Plasma-Therm’s global customer base. Visit www.plasmatherm.com for more information.

About JLS Designs Ltd.

Established in 1994, JLS Designs is based in Somerton, Somerset, UK. The Company was formed to provide design and manufacturing services to the R&D Semiconductor market and other related industries. Products range from small benchtop etching systems to multi-chamber processing platforms.

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