

Verdant Electronics Announces First Three Occam Development Partners

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At the First Occam Process Developers Meeting, which took place in San Jose, California, on October 17, the first three agreements in principle, relative to development of the Occam process, were established.

Those companies expressing confidence in the technology and committing to develop the processes necessary and work with interested OEMs to produce Occam products, include: Promex Industries, a microelectronics assembly company located in Silicon Valley; Micropress, a PCB fabricator located in Sao Paulo, Brazil; and Hunter Technology Group, also located in the Silicon Valley.

“It is a great pleasure to have this expression of confidence in the Occam concept by such forward-looking companies” said Verdant Electronics’ president, Joe Fjelstad. “These individuals clearly see the promise of this new family of assembly and interconnection methods for our industry in the not-too-distant future. Moreover, they are already building Occam Process demonstration products, working to qualify the technology with some of their customers who also see the advantages. Obviously, the concept is taking hold faster than anyone could have imagined when it was announced just three months ago.”

Dick Otte, president of Promex stated: “We are just completing our first set of Occam process manufacturing runs. Much of what we learned was shared at the Occam Conference on October 16th, and for those in attendance they now know what we know, that Occam broadens the assembly options and reduces the overall assembly complexity. That, in turn, lowers cost, especially when components are modified for the Occam process. We’ll know more about all of this as more process improvements and test results come in. But, all in all, we are very pleased with what we’ve learned so far; we’re excited about joining our Occam Process partners in taking Occam to the next level and utilizing Occam to broaden our microelectronic assembly services.”

“We want to be the Occam Process leader in South America,” said, Gilmar Aparecido de Souza, president of Micropress, a leading quick-turn and technology PCB fabricator located in Sao Paulo, Brazil. “With over 2,000 customers in Brazil and throughout South America, we want to drive the Occam Process into our market, bringing the benefits of cost reduction, reliability and enhanced capabilities to our customers. Helping them become more competitive in the global economy is good for our business and we believe the Occam Process provides tremendous opportunities for our customers. We will have our first Occam Process ‘fabsemblies’ completed within a few months.”

“I was intrigued from the first moment I heard about Occam,” said Joe O’Neil, president of Hunter Technology. “While Hunter has always been a technological leader, our improvements have been incremental. The Occam Process is a quantum shift for the industry and it holds a lot of promise for our Military and Medical Customer base. Being a development partner gives us access to some of the brightest minds in the industry as

we work together to develop the required processes. We are proud to be a part of making the Occam Process a high reliability alternative for our customers.”

Occam Process Partners work to facilitate the widespread adoption of the Occam Process by developing robust processes and systems, ensuring reliable, cost competitive and capability enhanced PCBs and Assembly or around the Occam Process.

“There is much more to come,” said Fjelstad. “There will be many more announcements in the coming weeks as we announce OEM R&D Partnerships, licensing alliances and more. In the coming months we do expect to announce major product development licenses, as well. Just as we had hoped, the more closely companies look at the technology, the more eager they are to help move the technology to the next level of verification and broader implementation.”

About the Occam Concept

The Occam Process concept embraces simplicity in the design and manufacture of electronic assemblies by reducing the number of materials and processes used in their manufacture. When implemented, it promises to dramatically improve the way electronic products are made and their reliability, while reducing cost. Equally important, products manufactured using Occam processing concepts will inherently comply with the EU’s RoHS legislation.

About the Company

Verdant Electronics is a privately held company dedicated to the development and deployment of sustainable manufacturing technologies and techniques for use in the production of electronic products that will reduce manufacturing process time, material waste and energy use, thereby reducing costs and the impact of electronic product manufacture on the environment. For more information, visit: www.verdantelectronics.com/.