

PRESS RELEASE

Laser Welding Solutions See Strong Asian Growth

German Specialist Blackbird Robotersysteme Establishes Shanghai Site

Shanghai, China / Garching, Germany – Feb. 26, 2015 –SCANLAB AG's subsidiary Blackbird Robotersysteme GmbH, the world leader for innovative remote laser welding solutions, announces the establishment of a sales and service center in Shanghai, China. The company's growth strategy and closer proximity to existing customers and installations were key motivators in creating a Chinese subsidiary. On March 1, 2015, Derek Wang will begin organizing the site as Vice President Sales and Technical Support Asia, Blackbird Robotics Asia.



In recent years, remote laser welding has become an integral production technology for automakers and their suppliers. Application areas include doors, tailgates, seats and countless other components.

Blackbird's innovative system solutions combine leading control technology, a broad platform of 3D scan optics, and innovative seam tracking techniques. These

have proven their value in numerous industrial-scale production applications and enable substantially increased productivity for robot-assisted laser welding applications. Blackbird's decision to establish a Chinese presence will benefit local market development, as well as technical support and spare parts supply in China and neighboring Asian countries such as Japan and Korea.

"Many of our customers operate production facilities in China. To provide them with the expected local support and prompt solutions to technical challenges, we've been planning an Asian presence for some time. With Derek Wang on board, we now have the seasoned industry expert we need to start quickly in China," explains Dr. Wolfgang Vogl, CEO of Blackbird Robotersysteme GmbH.

Derek Wang has over 15 years of experience with robotic systems for the auto industry and in plant engineering. Most recently, he was responsible for welding systems at Johnson Controls (JCI) – particularly for advanced manufacturing and continuous improvement in arc, spot and laser welding. Prior to JCI, he served as development engineer and project manager at SIASUN, ABB and COMAU. He received his engineering degree from Shenyang Aerospace University in 1999.

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Upcoming Tradeshows:

LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA, March 17-19, 2015 in Shanghai, China.

LASER World of PHOTONICS, June 22-25, 2015 in Munich, Germany.

About Blackbird Robotersysteme:

As a subsidiary of SCANLAB, Blackbird Robotersysteme offers solutions for remote laser welding with scan optics. These solutions enable integration of mirror-based beam deflection units into industrial manufacturing systems, particularly robot cells. The company's core competence is development of high-performance control technology and intuitive user software. In combination with 2D and 3D optics from SCANLAB, Blackbird provides a broad array of pre-integrated solutions for mechanical and plant engineering, automotive production and numerous other manufacturing industries around the world.

About SCANLAB:

With over 20,000 systems produced annually, SCANLAB AG is the world-leading and independent OEM manufacturer of scan solutions for deflecting and positioning laser beams in three dimensions. Its exceptionally fast and precise high-performance galvanometer scanners, scan heads and scan systems find application in industrial materials processing and the electronics, food and beverage industries, as well as biotech and medical technology. For 25 years, SCANLAB has secured its international technology leadership through pioneering developments in electronics, mechanics, optics and software, as well as the highest quality standards.

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