



IPTE NV expands its test activity in Belgium

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IPTE NV, (Euronext Brussels: IPT) announces it is expanding its test automation activities with a new test team in Bruges, which will focus on developing test systems for LCD TV, telecommunications equipment and automotive electronics.

IPTE Bruges will employ around ten people from the recently closed Jabil facility in Bruges, formerly a division of the Philips TV production plant in Bruges. This means the team has a strong grounding in TV testing.

IPTE sees further growth opportunities in other areas, and wants therefore to extend its testing know-how, in particular in telecommunications and in automotive and medical electronics. The Bruges test group is being developed in coordination with the existing IPTE test groups in Genk, Germany and France.

IPTE Bruges is also providing support to Philips Bruges and its subcontractors (Jabil, Elcoteq). The test team will also support test applications for Connect Systems, the IPTE division providing Electronic Manufacturing services. Given the global nature of electronics manufacturers and their subcontractors, IPTE Bruges will also be offering its services locally to its customers.



IPTE is a market leader in the supply of production equipment for the electronics industry. The company is sub-divided into two divisions. IPTE 'Factory Automation' is a market leader in the supply of production equipment for the electronics industry. The division develops manual, semi-automatic and turnkey automation systems for producing, testing and handling of printed circuit boards and for final assembly work.

The 'Contract Manufacturing' division, Connect Systems Group, offers high quality, cost-effective production services to the professional industry. Activities include the production of cables and cable trees, PCB assembly and testing, production of semi-manufactures and final product assembly.

The IPTE Group's references include Alcatel, Bosch, Delphi, Ericsson, Flextronics, Jabil, Johnson Controls, Lear, Mitsubishi, Motorola, Nokia, Philips, Sanmina, Siemens, Solectron and Visteon.

The company presently employs over 1,400 people in facilities in Europe, the United States and Asia.

Shares in the company, which was founded in 1992, are traded on Euronext Brussels. (www.ipte.com)

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