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Orca Photonic Systems, Inc. announces that it has acquired the assets and products of Edgewise Tools, Inc., of Poulsbo, WA, effective December 2, 2004. Edgewise Tools has been a recognized leader in the manufacturing of Laser Cutting Systems for industrial applications since 1990. Orca will continue to provide the full line of Edgewise Tools products to the marketplace, and will aggressively expand and develop the capabilities available to industrial users.

With this acquisition, the Orca Laser Cutting product line includes the Continuous Feed Laser, Shuttle Feed Laser, and Flat Bed Laser cutting systems, all of which are available with cutting areas up to 60x60 inches (1500x1500mm), or even larger on special order. The Continuous Feed Laser is designed for automated handling of roll-fed materials, while the Shuttle Feed Laser provides semi-automated handling of sheet materials. The Flat Bed Laser, allows customers with manual feed requirements to get started with laser cutting technology at minimum cost.

These systems are designed for high-speed laser cutting and perforation of non-metallic materials, such as textiles, plastics, or paper and cardboard. Orca also welcomes

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opportunities to provide custom capabilities for customers whose needs cannot be met by current products.

According to Dr. Stephen Moody, Orca's Vice President of Development, the products that Orca has acquired from Edgewise Tools provide customers with a unique combination of high performance, large-area capability, and affordability.

The full family of former Edgewise Tools products is available for immediate order from Orca. Orca will also provide ongoing service and support for systems originally sold by Edgewise Tools, Inc.

Orca Photonic Systems specializes in laser and electro-optical systems for industrial processing applications. The company manufactures, integrates, delivers and supports a wide variety of systems used in manufacturing for fiberoptic telecommunications, and in automation of large scale laboratory processes for biochemical and genetic analysis.

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