

Press release

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The Handheld Group and Getac Technology Corporation enters into strategic partnership

The Handheld Group and Getac Technology Corporation jointly announced today the beginning of a strategic partnership to expand rugged handheld business. This partnership will see co-branded products to be sold through Handheld's extensive network of 250 authorised partners worldwide.

"Increasing our channel presence is a key element of our growth plan", says James Hwang, the president of Getac Technology Corporation. "The Handheld Group has proven to be a leading supplier of rugged handheld solutions for field applications. We believe that this partnership will enable Getac to strengthen our existing distribution channel while at the same time expanding our technical and customer support by leveraging The Handheld Group's existing partner networks", says James Hwang, the president of Getac Technology Corporation.

"We are thrilled to enter into a long term partnership with Getac. The experience, know-how and expertise in product development that we see from Getac are unsurpassed. Our commitment is to bring only the best rugged products to the market and our partnership with Getac ensures this", says Jerker Hellström, CEO and Chairman of the Handheld Group.

"In the near future, Getac will launch a series of innovative rugged handheld products to enrich our product portfolio. By offering our products through The Handheld Group, Getac will be able to address a broader range of customers, and facilitate more rapid deployment of our rugged handheld solutions", says James Hwang, the president of Getac Technology Corporation.

About the Handheld Group

The Handheld Group was founded in 1997 and is today one of the world leading suppliers of durable handheld computers for industries such as forestry, geodesy, construction, maintenance, the military, transportation and logistics. The focus of the group is, together with its collaborating partners, to deliver comprehensive solutions for the mobile field professional. HHCS Handheld AB is the parent company of the group, which also is comprised of Handheld Europe AB, Handheld Scandinavia AB, Handheld Finland Oy, Handheld Benelux BV, Handheld US Inc and Handheld Italia Srl. The company headquarters is based in Lidköping, Sweden with local offices in Finland, USA, Italy and in the Netherlands.

About Getac Technology Corporation

Getac Technology Corporation, a key subsidiary of MiTAC Synnex Business Group (consolidated revenue in 2008 was USD18billion) was established in 1989 as a joint venture with GE Aerospace to supply defence electronic products. Getac's business coverage includes; rugged notebooks, rugged tablet PCs and rugged handheld devices for military, police, government, communications, manufacturing and transportation applications ranging from fully rugged and commercial-grade rugged. Getac's strong R&D capabilities allow it to provide a high level of customization and all-aspect hardware-software integration solutions. Apart from the rugged computing business, Getac is also involved with the design and manufacture of plastic and lightweight metal components. The acquisition of Waffer Technology in 2009 has made Getac the world's third largest aluminium-magnesium alloy producer

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