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Singulus Mastering BV to offer Eclipse ESP-7000 for HD-DVD mastering

Eindhoven, Pleasanton, March 2005. In the course of developing a Laser Beam Recorder for the mastering of new formats such as HD-DVD, Singulus Mastering has chosen to use the Eclipse ESP-7000 encoder. In addition to supporting the new formats, Eclipse's encoder offers advanced wave shaping capabilities. In the past, Eclipse was the primary encoder supplier for the DMS 8000 and DMS Evolution mastering machines that are operational all over the world.

In order to successfully master the new formats, a wide process window is essential, and such is achieved by optimizing the EFM pattern during recording by means of wave shaping. Wave shaping technology has been applied to CD and DVD formats on AM and DMS mastering systems for several years.

We are pleased to be able to provide Singulus a key component of the development of their new LBR," states Bob Edmonds "The ESP-7000, with its powerful features, is an ideal match.

Eclipse, recognized as the new leader in DVD and CD mastering encoders and testing software, provides leading edge capability with a reputation for technical excellence and world-class customer support in its line of mastering, premastering and QC verification tools.

SINGULUS MASTERING BV was effectively formed on January 1, 2004 through the merger of the top two players in the Optical Disc Mastering industry, SINGULUS OMP and ODME BV. The new company with more than 100 employees is the world market leader in mastering systems with a comprehensive and technologically leading portfolio for all existing optical disc formats such as CD and DVD. The joint company SINGULUS MASTERING BV now incorporates unprecedented combined experience with well over 400 installed mastering systems and an unparalleled product range. SINGULUS MASTERING BV is part of the SINGULUS group, the leading supplier in optical disc replication equipment.

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