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Rolic Technologies and Roth & Rau B.V. enter strategic cooperation

Rolic Technologies Ltd, Allschwil, Switzerland, and Roth & Rau BV, Eindhoven, the Netherlands, have signed a far reaching cooperation agreement, outlining a joint strategy to develop system solutions for the organic electronics, display, and security markets.

Rolic Technologies Ltd. and Roth & Rau B.V. announced today that they will cooperate on the development and industrialization of system solutions for organic electronics. The partnership will bring together Rolic's competences in materials and device fabrication and Roth & Rau's expertise in integrated process equipment. In an initial stage the companies will offer barrier and encapsulation technologies. These products are seen as enablers for the flexible organic electronics (OE), organic light emitting diode (OLED) and the organic photovoltaics (OPV) markets. Further projects involving flat panel displays (FPD) and security industries will follow.

Rolic's newly established technical center in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, will play a pivotal role in accelerating the development of new applications. The proximity of the Rolic's technical center and Roth & Rau's R&D facility will result in synergies that will quickly bring their joint solutions to the market.

"The link of state of the art equipment, processes and materials will offer fast access to manufacturing solutions for advanced display, organic electronics and security products" says Norbert Münzel, CEO of Rolic Technologies Ltd.

"The organic electronics market has shown significant growth over the past years as materials and technologies have matured", comments Claus Lichtenberg, CEO of Roth & Rau B.V. "Innovative materials and production technologies will allow further reduction of the production cost of electronic devices and enable new form factors that cannot be achieved with traditional production processes. With our core competences in vacuum coating and ink jet printing combined with Rolic's innovative materials, we are in an excellent position to help our customers achieve better device performance, higher yields, and reduce the time to market of their next generation products."

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About Rolic

<http://www.rolic.com/de/rolic/>

Rolic Technologies Ltd. is an innovative Swiss high-tech company headquartered in Allschwil (Basel). Rolic modifies surfaces on a nano scale with polarized light to achieve unique optical effects and to manage light. New industry standards were set for LCD TVs, forgery-proof security devices and efficient OLED lighting products. Highly skilled staff and leading scientists in the Swiss headquarter continually develop, refine and extend Rolic's proprietary core technologies. The subsidiary Rolic Technologies B.V. (Eindhoven, Netherlands) engineers industrial solutions for the global customer basis. Three business units (Display, Security and Organic Electronics) are constantly serving their industries with new innovative solutions for efficient production processes and improved consumer products.

Rolic's roots lie in the liquid crystal laboratories of the Swiss health care company Roche. The latter outsourced the company as a spin-off. Since 1996 Rolic is privately owned and has successfully gained footholds in international markets.

About Roth & Rau B.V.

<http://www.roth-rau.nl/>

Roth & Rau B.V., formerly known as OTB, is an innovative system solution provider located in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. Roth & Rau B.V. is a leading company in the design, engineering, development and manufacturing of integrated production equipment. Pixdro printing solutions and a portfolio of plasma coating systems support a broad spectrum of applications. With a clear product roadmap from research and development to volume production customers benefit from easy transfer from application development to full industrial production.

Roth & Rau B.V. has competences in the field of inkjet printing, thin film coating, plasma technology, system integration and automation.

Roth & Rau B.V. solutions are targeting the thin film display (OLED, LCD, touchscreen), Printed Electronics, semiconductor, PCB, Solar PV, Medical, rapid prototyping and security markets.