



Premium Allied Tool (PAT) optimizes product manufacture cycle with network upgrade from Madge Networks

100Mbps switched Token Ring infrastructure will enable leading manufacturer of high precision metal stamping components to improve planning, purchasing and inventory maintenance

Wexham Springs, UNITED KINGDOM (December 14, 2001) – Madge Networks N.V. (NASDAQ NM: MADGF) has successfully completed a significant Token Ring implementation for Premium Allied Tool (PAT), the leading international manufacturer of ultra-high precision metal stamping components. PAT has upgraded its existing IT network to a 100Mbps high performance switched Token Ring infrastructure capable of delivering even higher levels of reliability and availability. This forms part of the company’s overall network review, aimed at improving product planning, purchasing and inventory maintenance to bring products to market more accurately and quickly.

Based on Madge Smart Ringswitch Plus™, the enhanced network infrastructure will provide Premium Allied Tool with centralized network management, increased bandwidth and optimization of its existing Token Ring investments. It also offers a cost-effective platform to support the integration of Ethernet applications when required by means of the Ethernet Integration module in the Madge Smart Ringswitch Plus.

“The manufacturing industry is one of the fastest moving markets in the world, so it is imperative that we stay ahead of the competition by optimizing our supply and demand capabilities,” said Greg Carr, Computer Operations Manager, Premium Allied Tool. “The supply chain must utilize an efficient IT infrastructure and after a review of our long-term network strategy, it became apparent that our existing network simply could not cope with the high volume of resource traffic. By deploying a shared Token Ring and Ethernet, Madge Networks provides us with the flexibility and ease of configuration that will allow us to develop products and services in a cost-effective and low-risk manner.



“We’ve been a Token Ring customer for the past 15 years, and Madge Networks has now provided us with a next-generation solution that will enable us to benefit from switching, Gigabit networking and integration with Ethernet whilst allowing us to maintain the business benefits of our existing Token Ring investment. And, with all of the networked servers now running at 100Mbps, we can benefit from maximized network uptime as well as reduced support costs,” Greg Carr added.





About Premium Allied Tools

Based in Western Kentucky, USA, Premium Allied Tool is one of the leading manufacturers of ultra-high precision metal stamping components and forms part of the Hines Group. Since it was established in 1966, the company has gained an internationally renowned reputation for its ability to produce some of the world's most challenging components.

About Madge Networks N.V.

Madge Networks N.V. (NASDAQ NM: MADGF) is a global supplier of advanced networking product solutions to large enterprises, and is the market leader in Token Ring. Madge is pioneering next generation networking solutions, which enable the painless deployment of 100Mbps and Gigabit speed IP-based applications within existing corporate networks while protecting customers' investments in Token Ring. Madge Networks also has an associate company, Red-M™, a leading supplier of wireless networking product solutions. The Company's main business centers are located in Wexham Springs, United Kingdom and Manasquan, New Jersey. Information about Madge's complete range of products and services can be accessed at www.Madge.com.

