Aegis and Practical Unite to Offer Plant Traceability Validation Tool

Los Alamitos, CA — July 9, 2007 — Aegis Industrial Software Corp. (Aegis), the leader in manufacturing information management systems, and Practical Components Inc. (Practical), the leading supplier of dummy components, have partnered to offer a traceability and control kit that validates manufacturing processes and provides detailed product and process traceability.

The *Aegis Traceability and Control Validation Kit* validates manufacturers' plant traceability and control, and is available for purchase in the 2007 Practical Components Catalog, which is designed to help engineers quickly find the products needed to qualify their assembly technology.

The kit provides the physical materials and procedural guide to determine a factory's traceability and control capability, and rates the results in a formalized matrix. These ratings demonstrate manufacturers' capabilities, communicate these capabilities to customers or auditors, and provide a starting point for improving capabilities.

 "Traceability and process control are no longer requirements reserved for manufacturers in regulatory or specific market segments," said Bob Miklosey, Aegis VP of Product Management. "Today, manufacturers who aspire to achieve or maintain 'world class' status must deliver some degree of traceability and, until now, there has not existed a common language regarding the nature of traceability or its levels."

"Practical is committed to ensuring that electronics assembly engineers and technicians have information about innovative technology and to providing cost-effective components, PCBs and training kits to improve their processes," said Practical President Kevin Laphen. "Working with Aegis helps us deliver innovative products and allows us to continue providing the tools our clients need to run their plants better. Traceability is more than simple lot traceability of components and may include all quality, test, packaging and machine data feeds from the entire process."

Practical's free catalog is organized by package type/category with each product accompanied by drawings, description, and part number with special attention to lead-free availability and formulations. The updated Web site, www.practicalcomponents.com, supports the catalog by providing more than 1,250 pages of dummy components, test boards, training and setup kits, component drawings, engineering/design guide data, daisy chain patterns, production tools, training aids, as well as a complete downloadable catalog.

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About Practical Components
Practical Components is the worlds leading supplier of dummy components, which are exact mechanical equivalents of live components, used when only the physical properties of the components are required. These components can cost as much as 80 percent less than live components making the ideal for testing of solder processes, machine setup and other process evaluations. The new publication provides a detailed

offering of Practical Components' full line of dummy components, test boards, training kits, production tools and training materials.

About Aegis Industrial Software Corporation
Aegis develops manufacturing information management systems for the electronics assembly industry. Aegis software manages new product introductions, materials and line setup validation, manufacturing execution, quality and rework, and total product and process traceability across a company's global enterprise. Company headquarters is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA with sales and customer service affiliates throughout the world.