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PRESS RELEASE



RCD Components Inc and Carlton-Bates Company Sign Distribution Agreement

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE - APRIL 19, 2000 - RCD Components Inc., and Carlton-Bates Company has announced the signing of a nationwide distribution agreement that covers RCD's full line of electronic components. This agreement extends the existing relationship between RCD, a global leader in the design and manufacturing of one of the world's most extensive lines of passive electronic components, and Carlton-Bates, one of the industry's largest distributors of passive components, and electromechanical components.

Noted Louis M. Arcidy, RCD's Vice President Sales, "We have taken significant steps to strengthen RCD and leverage our broad range of products. The agreement with Carlton-Bates increases our ability to serve our customers by providing a single manufacturing source for our entire line passive components."

Little Rock, Arkansas-based Carlton-Bates Company, has stocking and sales locations in 29 cities, in 16 states and Mexico. The company is made up of four divisions. The largest is the Industrial Electronic Division that specializes in electronic and electrical supplies and equipment. This division maintains inventories of more than 80,000 part numbers, including resistors, capacitors, diodes, switches, relays, and a host of other electronic related products. Carlton-bates has 130 outside sales representatives who are responsible for some 20,000 customers, located across the United States and Mexico. More than 100 inside sales people handle the telephone sales function, and allows salespeople to process over 2,000 customer orders each day, accurately and on-time.

In 1957, Carlton-Bates Company adopted the slogan "Only the best is good enough", and since Carlton-Bates distributes products manufactured by others, the company has always strived to affiliate with only the most respected electronic manufacturers in our industry. RCD's philosophy's is one in the same, it's called commitment. Commitment isn't a slogan, it's a state of mind, and our people understand the value of quality and total customer satisfaction.

Acknowledged throughout the electronic component Industry for it's service and engineering excellence, RCD Components Inc. is pleased to announce the recent addition of Carlton-Bates Company to our team. Our future promises to bring success together.