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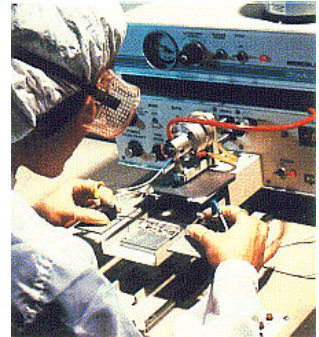
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PRESS RELEASE

RCD EXPANDS HYBRID CIRCUIT PRODUCTION AND OFFERS SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS

Manchester, NH - August 15, 2000 - RCD Components Inc., a leading manufacturer of resistors, coils, and delay lines has announced an expansion of their current hybrid circuit production capacity.

RCD's recent ownership/partnership with Nicrom Electronics, a leading Swiss manufacturer, coupled with RCD's 27 years of resistor experience, will allow for rapid growth into this very specialized market. RCD isn't a newcomer to this technology their beginnings with hybrids started in 1979. "We have a great deal of experience with very complex electronic assemblies and are actively pursuing new customers that can take advantage of our capabilities," said Al Arcidy Vice President of Marketing. "The synergy between our companies, better positions us to compete with anybody", added Ivan Roncoroni, Vice President of Nicrom. Contrary to conventional hybrid manufacturers, RCD can populate the hybrids with a majority of its own components, thereby enabling significant cost savings, as well as improved traceability and reliability. "In most instances over 75% of the components on a hybrid will be populated parts that RCD manufactures," Arcidy added.



RCD's Manchester, N.H. facility is coordinating the development of new products and is responsible for all of the marketing in the Americas while product will continue to have the Nicrom brand in Europe and the Middle East. RCD has been supplying premetallized substrates to hybrid manufacturers for many years. These substrates typically included all resistors as well as conductor paths and pads, ready for post assembly of additional active or passive components. RCD now offers a wide choice of thick-film as well as thin-film networks and hybrids utilizing surface mount or wire bonded components, SIP, DIP, SOIC, QSOP, or LCC packages. RCD's capabilities include CAD design, active or passive trimming, multi-layer or double-sided hybrid circuits, and engineering support from prototype through production. Typical savings up to 25% have been realized due to use of RCD's components combined with high volume automation. Currently, RCD's hybrid circuit production is divided between ceramic and printed circuit board assemblies, with the capacity to increase its present production level, while satisfying the growing needs of their current customers.

For samples or detailed product information, contact RCD Components Inc., at 520 East Industrial Park Drive, Manchester, NH USA 03109. Phone: (603) 669-0054, Toll Free Order Hot Line: (877) RCD-COMP, or Fax: (603) 669-5455.

RCD continues to be one of the fastest growing passive component manufacturers due to its ABZED™ ABSolute ZERo Defect guarantee, fast turnaround on non-standard products, and inventory in excess of 2 billion components.