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MINIFLASH™ Selected by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Saint Paul, Minn. (January 2, 2007) – PaR Systems, Inc. announces that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has purchased the SSi Robotics benchtop MINIFLASH. The MINIFLASH (**MINI Flexible Laboratory Automation System Handler**) will be delivered in its tube-labeler configuration. The system will print 1 x 1.5 inch cryogenic-compatible labels and apply them (wrap-around style) to Sarstedt 92.730.106 tubes. The system will be configured for tube-rack input and output and is scheduled for delivery and installation in February 2007.

Label content information is easily entered into the system via an Excel spreadsheet. The MINIFLASH software is tailored specifically to meet the appropriate text and barcode fields of the CDC. Its primary operation is to receive tubes and label them in a robust, high throughput, automated work cell. To operate the MINIFLASH, tube-racks are manually loaded into the system. The system then automatically cycles through three entire tube-racks, labeling each of the tubes and placing them into the same position from which they were acquired. Once the three tube-racks are processed, an indicator signal alerts the lab technician to remove the racks. The MINIFLASH will improve throughput, reduce errors and improve label quality. Operators will be relieved of this manual task enabling them to focus on more meaningful work. The MINIFLASH supplied to CDC will include advanced features to optimize label-to-tube adherence, a crucial attribute since the labeled tubes may be stored for decades in liquid nitrogen vapor. The system can be upgraded in the future to perform tube-capping, filling, scanning, sorting and rack-handling, as may be required by the CDC.



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"We are pleased that the CDC found our MINIFLASH to be the best match for their tube labeling needs" said Paul Smith, Director and General Manager of SSi Robotics, the Life Science Automation product line for PaR, Systems Inc.. "The MINIFLASH can be individually configured to meet each new customer's application."

PaR Systems provides automation solutions through specialized robotics, material handling, and crane equipment applications to improve customer quality, safety and productivity. Headquartered in Shoreview, Minnesota, PaR Systems serves a broad range of industries including aerospace, marine, semiconductor, food and beverage, military, government, research, semiconductor, medical, laboratory and manufacturing. Visit www.par.com to review their full capabilities.

The SSi Robotics product line includes laboratory automation products as well as equipment development and manufacturing services for biotechnology, medical device and pharmaceutical OEMs and end-users. SSi Robotics' products are manufactured in Tustin, California and are supported worldwide. Fortune 500 clients include Pfizer, Cardinal Health and 3M. For more information, visit www.ssirobotics.com.

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