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Clinton Township, Michigan — June 15, 2005 – KUKA Robotics Corporation, a leading global manufacturer of industrial robots, today announced it has signed Programming Plus (PPI), Berlin, WI as its newest System Partner. The companies have partnered to provide customers advanced CAM expertise for the rapid prototyping, milling and material removal markets. Programming Plus, utilizing Delcam software and KUKA robots, has designed a process to convert CAD files to CAM files thus allowing KUKA robots to function as a more efficient and cost automated alternative to current large CNC machines.

"Programming Plus has been providing software intensive CAM solutions for 15 years," said Tom Campbell, director of strategic alliances for KUKA Robotics Corporation. "Combining KUKA products and technology with Programming Plus' CAM expertise in milling systems will meet customer demands for robotic prototyping and machining."

"KUKA and PPI have the only partnership in the industry that provides for CAD/CAM training for robots," said Tom Bentley, president of Programming Plus. "KUKA's high performance robotic CAM expertise means the customer will mill more efficiently and more cost effectively than before."

With the use of KUKA robots and Delcam software Programming Plus has developed a process that allows the milling of many types of products, including concept models, in a variety of materials such as wood and foam. This system has expanded the capabilities of the robot, allowing it to perform tasks that a larger CNC machine would. One KUKA robot can mill from one position, 2, 3, 4 or even more stations around it and in many cases, it can load its own parts.

Programming Plus is a Value Added Reseller (VAR) specializing in services for complex manufacturing processes. Located in New Berlin, WI the company is a leading dealer of Delcam products; the company also offers hands on training classes at its corporate offices. For more information and its products visit their website at: www.programmingplus.com

KUKA Robotics Corporation, with its parent company KUKA Roboter GmbH, Augsburg, Germany, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of industrial robots, with an annual production volume approaching 10,000 units, and an installed base of over 60,000 units. The company's 500+ robots range from 3kg to 570kg payloads, and 635mm to 3700mm reach, all controlled by a common PC based controller platform. KUKA robots are utilized in a diverse range of industries including the appliance, automotive, aerospace, consumer goods, logistics, food, pharmaceutical, medical, foundry and plastics industries and in multiple applications including material handling, machine loading, assembly, packaging, palletizing, welding, bending, joining, and surface finishing. For more information contact KUKA Robotics at 866-873-5852 or visit their website at: www.kukarobotics.com

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