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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Avtron Manufacturing's Industrial Automation Division, together with their Thailand System Integration partner VR Master, has received a contract to supply the drive and automation system for a new Bar Mill for Thachin Steel Products in Bangkok. The new mill will produce 400,000 metric tons per year of round bars with 6 to 19 mm sizes produced from 130 mm x 130 mm x 12 m billets. The mill will be designed for an output speed of 20 meters/second. The system consists of Avtron's ADDvantage-32™ Digital DC Drives for 16 Stands, two Flying Shears and three Pinch Rolls and 21 Avtron M115 Metric ThinLine™ encoders. Also included will be a high-speed, fiber-optic Ethernet Network from the drives to a GE Fanuc Programmable Logic Controller. The system is scheduled to be installed and commissioned in November 2005.

### **About Avtron Manufacturing Inc.**

Avtron Manufacturing, a privately held company, delivers drive systems, automation solutions and diagnostic software designed to help users reduce costs, increase efficiency and enhance profitability. With drive system solutions and services catering to virtually every heavy industry segment, Avtron Manufacturing provides a diverse array of capabilities including ac and dc drives, encoders, and high speed data acquisition and diagnostic software. Headquartered in Independence Ohio, Avtron Manufacturing, Inc. provides solutions for the global market.

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