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PRESS RELEASE

PHASE TWO OF AVTRON PLATE MILL UPGRADE STARTS UP AT ISG PLATE

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Independence, OH – June 29, 2005 – ISG Plate-Coatesville has successfully started up Phase Two of the Zero Production Downtime Plate Mill Upgrade supplied by Avtron Manufacturing's Industrial Automation Division. This phase included four new Avtron ADDvantage-32™ Advanced Digital DC Drives to replace existing drives on the mill. The April installation follows the successful Phase One upgrade of 2003, in which eight ADDvantage-32™ Drives were installed. The drives include Avtron's Fiber-Optic Ethernet Communications Network to interface to ISG's process control system. This will allow the mill to record current signatures for each motor to produce mill profiles used for Predictive Maintenance in addition to capturing fault and other performance data.

All 12 drives have been installed and commissioned by ISG personnel and no Avtron Technicians have been required on-site. This has allowed the mill to optimize the project budget to obtain the most drives possible. According to ISG, the result of the project to date has been the elimination of 60 hours of annual downtime on the drive line-up and a reduction in parts repair cost/replacement. ISG further reports there has been zero "infant mortality" and zero delays attributed to the Avtron Drive hardware since installation. Phase Three of the project is planned for the 4th Quarter of 2005 and will consist of nine additional Avtron drives.

About Avtron Manufacturing Inc.

Avtron Manufacturing 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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