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AVTRON SECURES CONTRACT FOR NEW BAR MILL DRIVES IN INDIA

Independence, OH – December 13, 2005 – Avtron's Industrial Automation Division and its Indian System Integration Partner, National Radio and Electronics Company (NELCO), have received a contract to supply the drive and automation system for a new bar Mill for Prakash Industries in Raipur, India. The new mill will produce 180,000 metric tons per year of round bars up to 5.5 mm in diameter. The order includes 18 Avtron ADDvantage-32™ Digital Drives for the Mill Stands, Flying Shears and Pinch Rolls.

Avtron and NELCO upgraded Prakash's Structural Mill in 2000, resulting in a large reduction in downtime which earned them preferred vendor status for the new Bar Mill. The new mill is scheduled to start up during the first quarter 2006.

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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