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## **PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION**

### **AVTRON SECURES PULSE GENERATOR ORDERS FOR TWO NEW CHINESE HOT STRIP MILLS**

**Independence, OH – December 13, 2005** – Avtron's Industrial Automation Division has secured orders for 200 Digital Pulse Generators for two new Hot Strip Mills in China. The first contract is for the new 1,250 mm wide Hot Strip Mill at Yayiliancheng Steel, Tang Shan City in Hebei Province. The second contract, also for a new 1,250 mm wide mill in Hebei, will be installed at DeLong Steel in Xingtai City. The output of each mill will be 2,000,000 tons per year of Hot Rolled Strip used in the domestic China market for the automotive and appliance industries.

The Pulse Generators will be used by the mill's drive and automation systems for speed measurement of the various mill motors and rolls. Each mill will use 15 of the Avtron Model M685 SMARTach, Severe-Duty Pulse Generators for drive and automation system feedback for the Main Mill Drives and 85 of the Avtron Model M4 Heavy-Mill-Duty units for the Auxiliary Drives. Both of these models are part of Avtron's Industry-Leading, Magneto-Resistive Pulse Generator Line that are extensively used in metals applications in North America and throughout the world. These models are ideal for the harsh hot mill environment because they are highly resistant to contamination from heat, dust and water. The mills are scheduled to start up in the third quarter of 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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