

Milestone Portfolio Company Machine Laboratory Seeks Add-on Acquisition <u>Candidates</u>

Radnor, PA, July 17, 2012 – Milestone Partners is actively seeking potential add-on acquisitions for Machine Laboratory, LLC ("Machine Lab" or the "Company"). Machine Lab is a Lenexa, KS based provider of engineering solutions and high-precision manufacturing capabilities for a variety of end markets, including aerospace and defense, automotive and medical.

"Machine Lab's market leading engineering capabilities and thorough manufacturing processes differentiate the Company from its competitors in the marketplace. Machine Lab is committed to delivering highly engineered products that meet its customers' exact specifications every time" says Brooke Hayes of Milestone Partners. Matt Duffield, President and CEO of Machine Lab, adds "We look forward to entering energy-related end markets through an aggressive acquisition strategy. Both the oil and gas and power generation markets require high tolerance parts, and this is an area in which Machine Lab excels."

ACQUISITION CRITERIA:

- General profile
 - High precision CNC machining
 - Custom engineered, high volume, mission critical products
- End markets
 - Oil and gas
 - Power generation
 - $\circ \quad \text{Aerospace and defense}$
- Geography
 - Global
- Size
 - Minimum revenue of \$5 million

INTERMEDIARY FEES:

• Milestone pays standard intermediary fees for introductions that result in transactions.

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MILESTONE REPRESENTATIVE INVESTMENTS:			
AVURE	Avure Technologies (high-pressure processing systems)	Learn KIt	Learn It Systems (Education services)
	Blaschak Coal (anthracite mining and marketing)		Machine Laboratory (precision manufacturing)
CODi.	CODi (corporate mobility solutions)	MARTEX	Martex Fiber Southern Corp. (textile waste recycling)
Dydacomp.	Dydacomp (e-commerce and catalog software)	0%	Outlook Group (printing, packaging and direct marketing)
ELIASON [®]	Eliason (specialty commercial traffic doors)		Pancon (connectors and capacitors)
FATZ	Fatz (casual dining restaurant chain)		Safemark Systems (in-room safes and personal lockers)
-GLOBAL-	Global Connection (prepaid phone and internet service)	F	Southern Management Corp. (consumer installment loans)
GOOD HEALTH natural products	Good Health Natural Products (natural foods and body care products)	trans-TRADE	Trans-Trade (non-asset-based logistics)
	Image API (electronic content management solutions)	United Road Towing Redefining The Towing Departement	United Road Towing (towing services)

MILESTONE GENERAL INVESTMENT CRITERIA:

Company Size*:

- Revenue: \$15–\$150 million
- EBITDA: \$3–\$20 million

Transaction Size*:

- \$15-\$150 million

Equity Investment Size*:

- \$5–\$40 million (and higher with typical co-invest)

*Add-ons may be smaller

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Sectors and Industries:

- Generalist approach; seeking high-margin, niche-market leaders in all industries

Geography:

- North America (may have overseas operations)

Key Business Characteristics:

- Clear competitive advantages
- High profit margins
- Compelling growth opportunities

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