



PRTM CEO Joins CIMTEK Board of Directors

Michael Aghajanian Brings Expert Vantage on New Product Introduction and Global Supply Chain Excellence

BOSTON (September 22, 2008) — [CIMTEK](#), the global leader in [quality lifecycle management](#) (QLM) solutions, has appointed [PRTM](#) executive [Michael Aghajanian](#) to its board of directors to fast-track the test experts' growth and the value it creates for electronics manufacturers worldwide.

Aghajanian brings 25 years' experience in leading companies up the performance curve for product development. As president and CEO of PRTM, the most trusted voice for business process transformation, he has guided hundreds of organizations to become top performers in their category.

His perspective will help CIMTEK convey and extend the value of a holistic approach to product quality decision-making, key to reducing the risks and costs tied to new and next-generation product introductions.

"Today's product lifecycles are fraught with risk, making it harder than ever to strike the tight balance between the cost of production and the cost of quality," said Aghajanian. "The market opportunity for CIMTEK is enormous, as manufacturers become attuned to the long-tail implications of quality decisions made early in the process – reverberating into contained warranty costs, brand equity and shareholder value."

Aghajanian leads the overall strategic direction and operation of PRTM's service areas and market offerings in North and South America. He also played a vital role in the establishment and growth of the firm's Asian operations – an area of expertise he'll leverage as CIMTEK continues the expansion of its Suzhou, China office, which provides manufacturers the only in-country source to integrate existing manufacturing processes with quality best-practices.

"Michael is a true visionary. Time and again, he's identified the strategic improvement opportunities that pay big dividends for clients, and helped turn PRTM into the powerhouse of manufacturing excellence that's its known as today," said Stan

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Smith, CEO of CIMTEK. “We’re delighted to tap his talent and experience to propel our next phase of growth.”

CIMTEK’s QLM software creates an information-platform for accountability and predictability throughout the product lifecycle – from design through return and repair. Its combined solutions – the industry’s only integrated test services, software and hardware offerings – help consumer, medical, automotive and avionics manufacturers improve yields, minimize warranty costs and increase overall production capabilities.

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About CIMTEK

CIMTEK solves one of manufacturing’s biggest challenges: how to bring high-quality products to market quickly and cost-effectively. With CIMTEK’s Quality Lifecycle Management, manufacturers leverage critical information on performance, functionality and reliability captured in the test phase to drive higher quality designs, smarter sourcing and consistently profitable products. Since 1986, CIMTEK has been the partner of choice for innovative test solution by leaders in aerospace, automotive, high-tech and industrial manufacturing. Its customers include Microsoft®, Motorola®, Honeywell®, Siemens®, Visteon®, Delphi®, and DuPont®. For more information visit www.cimtek.com

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