

For Immediate Release

Palomar Products Announces Intention to Sell FACT Systems Product Line to DIT-MCO

Carlsbad, CA (November 4, 1997) -- Palomar Products, Inc, Assembly and Test Division, today announced its intention to sell its FACT[®] (Flexible Automated Circuit Tester) Systems product line to DIT-MCO[®] International Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, an international test equipment supplier. DIT-MCO plans to add the FACT Systems as a division of its high voltage wiring analyzers.

According to Ronald Penland, Executive Vice President of Palomar Products' Assembly & Test, "The rapid growth of our business in our core areas of bonding and welding has made it a logical step to focus our resources in those areas. DIT-MCO is a natural fit for our FACT Systems."

Frank Piracci, FACT Systems Product Manager who will head up the FACT Division adds, "We expect Palomar's customers will continue to receive the same high level of service and support to which they are accustomed. They should benefit from the synergy of the two companies by having available an even broader range of quality products and services."

"The acquisition allows us to offer more choices to users," said Rick Thompson, President of DIT-MCO International Corporation.

The FACT Systems complement DIT-MCO's line of PC-based, interconnect test systems for complex wire harnesses, cables, and backplanes, as well as wired assemblies such as black boxes, chassis and electrical racks. The Model 7000 and 8000 high voltage wiring analyzers provide a wide range of testing and data processing options to help improve production rates and product

-more-

Palomar Products Announces Intention to Sell FACT Systems Product Line To DIT-MCO
Page 2

quality while reducing overall costs. Because these PC-based analyzers use Windows®, the learning curve is reduced and they are easy for operators to use.

Palomar Products, Inc., Assembly & Test Products, based in Carlsbad, CA, designs and manufactures a wide range of bonding, welding and reflow soldering equipment used worldwide for precision interconnect solutions in the assembly of telecommunications products, computers and peripherals, and in the automotive, medical and defense electronics industries. The FACT® Systems Group of Assembly & Test designs and manufactures high voltage wiring analyzers to test complex wire harnesses, cables, backplanes and wired assemblies for aircraft and other aerospace and electronics applications.

#####