

## PRESS RELEASE

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## **MACHINEMATE** INC ANNOUNCES ROCKWELL RESALE AGREEMENT

### **Fond du Lac, WI - May 2002 - MACHINEMATE** INC, Fond du Lac, WI

On May 1, 2002 Rockwell Automation and Power Automation GmbH announced a Resale Agreement involving **MACHINEMATE**<sup>®</sup> sales in the NAFTA countries. In the United States, Canada, and Mexico, Rockwell Automation will purchase their PC-Based soft CNC control products from **MACHINEMATE** INC. Working closely with Rockwell Automation, **MACHINEMATE** INC will provide technical support and training. Rockwell Automation will integrate its SoftLogix 5800 control platform, RS View visualization software and Kinetix integrated motion products with the **MACHINEMATE** soft CNC products. These integrated solutions will target machine tool and powertrain applications. With this Resale Agreement, Rockwell Automation will base future CNC sales on this soft CNC technology. This decision creates a stronger market presence for **MACHINEMATE** INC as well as increased sales.

**MACHINEMATE** INC supplies the Power Automation soft CNC (Computer Numerical Control) mentioned in the press release as its own CNC under the product name **MACHINEMATE** for the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Current **MACHINEMATE** INC customers include machine tool OEM's (Original Equipment Manufacturers) of milling, turning, grinding and special machines. **MACHINEMATE** INC also has an established network of System Integrators, Retrofitters, and Remanufacturers who apply new **MACHINEMATE** controls to existing machine tools to improve their performance and reliability.

**MACHINEMATE** INC is a September 2000 spin-off company from Giddings & Lewis (also of Fond du Lac, WI). The majority stockholder of **MACHINEMATE** INC is Power Automation GmbH of Germany with a minority interest held by private investors. The entire workforce at **MACHINEMATE** INC consists of former Giddings & Lewis employees.

**MACHINEMATE** products include open architecture PC-Based CNC controls and CNC accessories to include Servo Motors, Hand Held Pendants, and Machine Tool Builders Panels. A wide range of business sectors including the metal, wood, and plastics industries utilize **MACHINEMATE** products.