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NEW ALBANY, Ind. (June 16, 2005) – New Albany based Key Electronics, Inc., a provider of electronics manufacturing services, and Greenville engineering company SHOT, Inc., have formed an alliance to jointly provide their respective customers with complete turnkey product design and manufacturing services.

Under the terms of a recently signed agreement, the companies immediately will begin joint sales and marketing efforts. The Key sales staff will seamlessly market SHOT engineering services along with the company's own manufacturing capabilities. SHOT will begin offering Key's manufacturing services along with its own engineering capabilities.

“Offering engineering and product design services, through the alliance with SHOT, is one more way in which we're better positioning ourselves to meet customer needs,” said Key Electronics President, Tom Hardy. “Together with the acquisition of a competitor in March, and our relocation to a new larger facility later this summer, we're adding the capacity and the capabilities we need to capture higher-volume contracts.”

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“We design products capable of meeting numerous requirements, including manufacturability. And traditionally, our relationship with our private-sector customer ended with the delivery of a high-fidelity pre-production prototype, the engineering drawings and a bill of materials,” said SHOT President and CEO Mark S. Deuser. “Now working closely with Key as our manufacturing partner, we can pursue customers looking for turnkey solutions and continue to serve them throughout the entire new product development and production cycle.”

Key Electronics is an ISO 9001:2000 certified electronics manufacturer specializing in custom assemblies. Capabilities include surface mount technology, ball grid array placement, conformal coating, automated optical inspection, and testing services. The company recently was recognized as having the *Overall Highest Customer Rating* at the Circuits Assembly Magazine Service Excellence Awards (in the less than \$100 million service provider category). Key employs nearly 150 people at its New Albany and Owingsville, Ky., facilities.

SHOT is an engineering and product development company. Its 27 full-time engineers, scientists and technicians are professional inventors. The company specializes in providing a multidisciplinary systems approach to design challenges. SHOT mechanical, electrical, software, chemical, thermal, structural and systems engineers work as an integrated team – often together with the company’s in-house chief scientist. It serves several government agencies, universities and a growing list of commercial customers.

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