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ATS invests in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Execution Systems through acquisition in Ireland

ATS International B.V., an independent solutions provider for manufacturing companies has acquired OceanModus Ltd to form ATS Applied Tech System Ltd. (ATS Ireland) and will be operating from Cork.

ATS Ireland will create over 20 jobs in the next 3 years

Through investment from the parent company ATS Ireland will be servicing Irish and international customers and be operating from Cork. OceanModus Ltd. has already established a customer base within the **Medical Device and Pharmaceutical** industries. Customers include Boston Scientific, MSD (Merck Sharp & Dohme), Covidien, Amgen and Helsinn Birex Pharmaceuticals.

Michael James, Group Managing Director of ATS International B.V. says "The Irish market is important to ATS as we already have a number of international customers based there. We also see our new office in Ireland as an opportunity to expand our market share and we are particularly focused on the Life Science plus the Food and Beverage markets".

The **co-founders** of OceanModus Ltd, **Desmond Savage and Thomas Wyczawski will remain on as directors** of the new company.

High-tech Solutions for Irish and international manufacturers

ATS Ireland will develop and deploy technologies such as **Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES)**. The company plans to expand its existing presence in Ireland but also attain export sales through close co-operation with the parent company. ATS International B.V. has over 25 years experience of deploying IT solutions, with established customers such as **Carlsberg, FrieslandCampina, Toyota and Centecor**. With the forming of ATS Ireland, Irish manufacturers have the opportunity to take advantage of international experience and profit from applying the most advanced manufacturing technologies.

International market research expects the demand for IT on the manufacturing floor to increase substantially over the coming years as companies look at ways of improving quality, traceability and efficiencies.

Mr. Desmond Savage explains "Manufacturers have invested heavily in automation and ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) systems, however neglected manufacturing needs such as electronic batch/device records. This leaves a gap within the organisation impacting negatively on traceability and real-time information. IT at the manufacturing operations level has advanced over the past number of years and organisations who apply this technology are achieving a rapid return on their investment. The key to success is establishing the correct level of IT investment for the companies' needs and ensuring minimal disruption to the existing process during the implementation."

ATS Ireland; project supported by The Cork City Enterprise Board

The company is primarily seeking to hire experienced manufacturing engineers with experience implementing software. Positions will be offered to graduates in 2013 that will be trained up on specific software solutions. Roles will also be available for quality and automation engineers, software developers, sales and business administration. ATS Ireland will operate from their Cork office on Eglinton Street.

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For further information see www.oceanmodus.com and www.ats-global.com