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JR Automation Delivers Mask Line for Hershey in Three Weeks

Holland, MI – June 2, 2020 – JR Automation was honored to partner with another customer in the fight against Covid-19. After hearing of our work with General Motors on their mask line, Hershey approached us to build a mask line for them as well. We were able to use the same design, which helped ensure another rapid deployment.

Thanks to a round-the-clock engineering and build effort by the JR Automation and Hershey teams, this line was installed in just three weeks.

The mask line has been operational since June 1, 2020 and can produce up to 45,000 masks per day. Michele Buck, Hershey president and CEO, cited the company's history of manufacturing to support U.S. communities.

"Supporting our communities in difficult times is part of our legacy, and an important value that our current employees share. From the building projects that created local jobs during the Great Depression, to producing military rations during World War II, we take great pride in making a difference where we can," she noted.

JR Automation is proud to assist during this pandemic by delivering critical automation solutions. With the best customers, automation services, and talent in the world, we will continue to push innovation forward, no matter the need.

About JR Automation

Established in 1980, JR Automation is a leading provider of intelligent automated manufacturing and technology solutions that solve customers' key operational and productivity challenges. JR Automation serves customers across the globe in a variety of industries, including automotive, life sciences, aerospace, and more.

In 2019, JR Automation was acquired by Hitachi, Ltd. In a strategic effort towards offering a seamless connection between the physical and cyber space for industrial manufacturers and distributors



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worldwide. With this partnership, JR Automation provides customers a unique, single-source solution for complete integration of their physical assets and data information, offering greater speed, flexibility, and efficiencies towards achieving their Industry 4.0 visions. JR Automation employs over 2,000 people at 23 manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe, and Asia.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is focusing on Social Innovation Business that combines information technology (IT), operational technology (OT) and products. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2019 (ended March 31, 2020) totaled 8,767.2 billion yen (\$80.4 billion), and the number of employees was approximately 301,000 worldwide. Hitachi delivers digital solutions utilizing Lumada in five sectors including Mobility, Smart Life, Industry, Energy and IT, to increase social, environmental and economic values of its customers. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <https://www.hitachi.com>.

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