



ESCATEC announces new factory in Malaysia that is customised for the production of food grade products

Designed to the British Retail Consortium standard for consumer food and drink preparation products

Penang, Malaysia – 14 September 2015 – ESCATEC has announced the opening today of its new factory in Johor Bahru, Malaysia.

It has been designed to the British Retail Consortium (BRC) standard for manufacturing consumer food and drink preparation products. After three months of full operation, the facility will be independently audited for BRC compliance.

Examples of the additional requirements of BRC, compared to a standard EMS facility, include high levels of hygiene in the facility by staff and full record keeping of the location of and regular checking of brittle plastic, glass items such as bulbs and sharp tools, snap knives, etc.



ESCATEC's new manufacturing facility at Johor Bahru, Malaysia

Joseph Neo, the Plant Manager for this new facility, added, "We have spent the past few months perfecting the manufacturing processes to remove potential problems. Our team is also actively involved in solving technical design issues together with ESCATEC Switzerland, the customers and the product design houses. We also clocked hundreds of hours to ensure that products meet food conformity requirements such as EC 10/2011 and French Decree 92-1306 as well as other applicable requirements such as RoHS, Reach and Nano materials. Nano materials regulation per article 185 of the French Law no 2010-788 is the first of its kind to be introduced in Europe. Its objectives are to gather available information of nanomaterials -- properties, applications, toxicological data, etc. to gain insight on their level of production, importation and distribution to the market.

The 4,274 square metre (46,000 square feet) ESCATEC Industries Sdn. Bhd. is located close to ESCATEC's existing facility and has the capability of producing up to 500,000 products a year. Daniel Moersdorf is the General Manager of both.

"This is a major investment for ESCATEC," said Markus Walther, ESCATEC's CEO, "and reflects our on-going commitment of investing to provide customers with the latest, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities. This new facility is focussed on manufacturing domestic beverage brewing machines, which is a growing area of specialisation for us."

ESCATEC's HR Manager, Mr Ng Sin Hwa, added, "We are delighted to announce that the new factory will create in the region of 300 new jobs."

ESCATEC provides a fully integrated product design and manufacturing service that covers every stage from taking the initial idea for a product through R&D to product design, prototyping and then volume production in the company's Asian facilities. This integrated approach ensures that every step of the process dovetails together and that products are designed for manufacture from the very start during R&D.

About ESCATEC

The ESCATEC Group provides fully-integrated electronic and mechatronic design and manufacturing solutions to assist customers in achieving success in their market. Its one-stop solutions and best-in-class service enable

companies around the world to operate more profitably, sustainably and efficiently. Founded in 1984, its history is full of innovation, which made it a first choice partner for many European and North American OEMs. The Swiss-owned company perfectly blends Swiss business philosophy and attention to quality, precision and detail with the advantage of low-cost, mass-volume manufacturing capabilities in its Asian factories.

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