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## **HINE AUTOMATION EXPANDS MANUFACTURING SPACE AGAIN TO MEET DEMANDS OF INCREASED BUSINESS GROWTH**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., June 7, 2019 — Hine Automation has expanded its manufacturing and headquarters facility in St. Petersburg, Fla., to increase manufacturing capability in an increasingly high-tech global environment, company executives announced.

The expansion has increased Hine Automation's manufacturing space by more than 5,700 sq. ft., to 12,445 sq. ft., and is the fourth expansion as a result of company growth since Hine Automation's inception in 2009. The increased space is necessary to accommodate demand from emerging new markets in automotive and wearable tech OEMs, increased repeat-order business, and to introduce new products that target the semiconductor industry.

Director of Operations Karl Pearson said, "Design for manufacturability has drastically reduced our product build times. Now the expanded capacity allows us to add clean room areas to support increasing customer technical specifications for particle control, and provides room for a dedicated engineering facility."

CEO Scott Craver said, "Successfully partnering with our customers to deliver innovative solutions for R&D and production needs around the world has resulted in substantial business growth, and we are poised for much more. This expansion will allow us to enhance our offerings to customers and will provide a positive and dynamic environment for our growing team of employees."

The Hine Automation facility is centrally located to its suppliers and offers easy access to nearby airports and shipping locations, which increases the company's ability to quickly provide cost-effective solutions to customers.

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By pursuing unique solutions to manufacturing challenges facing semiconductor and solar-power markets, Hine Automation continues to develop a products-and-services portfolio that benefits its OEM and end-user customers. Recent additions to the company's portfolio include 200mm, 300mm and 450mm Constellation Wafer Handling Cluster tools, Multi-Axis Vacuum Robotics, and innovative Load Locks for handling wafer cassettes.

### **About Hine Automation**

Hine Automation LLC is an emergent designer and manufacturer of automation systems and robotic components, serving original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) in the semiconductor, solar, flat-panel display, and related industries around the world. Its products are utilized in a wide range of environments, providing the flexibility needed in research-and-development labs as well as meeting the stringent reliability demands of manufacturing facilities.

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