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Westcode Provides Power for the 2012 London Olympics



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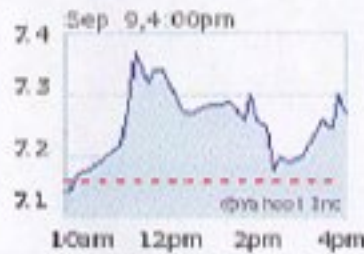
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BIEL, Switzerland--(BUSINESS WIRE)--IXYS Corporation (NASDAQ:IXYS - News) announced that its wholly owned UK subsidiary, Westcode Semiconductors Limited, has received its first orders for power semiconductor assemblies that will be used in ground side sub-stations to power the 2012 London Olympics Rail Transport Upgrade.

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London's already extensive railway network is being made ready for the Olympic Games to be hosted at 33 venues (17 for the following Paralympics) by the United Kingdom's capital in 2012. By 2008 the Underground was carrying over one million passengers annually and with the Olympics just three years away, the Underground is undergoing a massive upgrade program of refurbishment, including electrical power upgrades to improve reliability before 2012.

The 2-3MW power semiconductor assemblies which are designed and manufactured in Westcode's Chippenham UK facility form the bridge rectifiers that convert power from the grid into a form that

can be used by the rolling stock in the plans to extend London's busy rail network.

"Reliability is the key when powering traction systems in the complicated London Network Rail System. With this award, Westcode continues to be at the forefront of the Power Semiconductor market for high quality and high efficiency and with over twenty years experience in providing systems for Traction sub-stations on a global basis, we expect further orders as the rollout of the London Rail Network expansion plan continues to 2012," commented Bradley Green, Vice President of International Sales of IXYS. "The upgrade includes over 1,700 new train cars for commissioning of which every one needs power to operate. We are very pleased to be given the opportunity to provide solutions that will keep London's visitors moving."

Westcode's assembly design and manufacture service delivers the customer an optimized system that includes the mounting of the Westcode pressure contact devices complete with cooling system, connection bus-bars and even ancillary circuitry such as driver circuits, fuses and snubber networks. Westcode's expertise further enables a fast time to market for the customer, drawing on many years experience of providing total solutions for various power requirements within the renewable energy, motor drive, traction and power supply industries.

"The dates of the 2012 Olympic events are July 27 to August 12. The Paralympics are to be held on August 31 to September 11. By this time, London, will have gained a rail transport infrastructure of a standard that is globally competitive and will be in place for many years to come and Westcode is proud of its continuing involvement in these Power Infrastructure improvements," commented Mr. Green.

More information is available on the Westcode Semiconductors website at www.westcode.com or please contact Westcode via email: WSL.sales@westcode.com or telephone: +44 (0)1249 444524 for quotation.

About Westcode

Located in Chippenham, England, Westcode Semiconductors Ltd is a leading manufacturer of very high power thyristors, SCRs and rectifiers ranging up to 6500 Volts and 15,000 Amps. Westcode continues to supply high technology components for a wide range of applications such as welding, AC and DC drives, rectifier supplies, uninterruptible power supplies, motor soft starts, transportation, induction heating, power conditioning, high energy physics and many other industrial uses.

About IXYS Corporation

Since its inception in 1983, IXYS Corporation has been developing technology-driven products to improve power conversion efficiency, generate solar and wind power and provide efficient motor control for industrial applications. IXYS, and its subsidiary companies, offer a diversified product base that addresses worldwide needs for power control, electrical efficiency, renewable energy, telecommunications, medical devices, flexible displays and RF power.

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