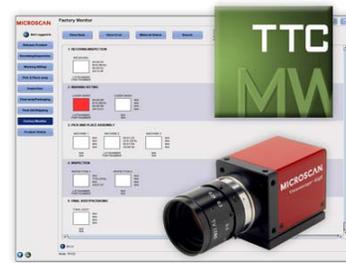


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## Microscan's Track, Trace and Control Solution Wins a 2010 NPI Award

**RENTON, WA, April 2010** — Microscan, a global technology leader for precision data acquisition and control solutions, announces that it has been awarded Circuit Assembly's New Product Introduction (NPI) Award in the category of Software-Process Control for its new [Track, Trace and Control \(TTC\) Solution](#), developed in partnership with Cogiscan. The award was presented to the company during a Tuesday, April 6, 2010 ceremony that took place in the Mandalay Bay Resort & Convention Center in Las Vegas during APEX 2010.

The flexible solution features new Microscan TTC middleware, which can partner with any of our machine vision or auto ID hardware to address plant-wide information. The TTC middleware is the first jointly released solution since the company's strategic partnership agreement with Cogiscan last year.

Microscan's [TTC middleware](#) is specifically designed to provide work-in-progress (WIP) visibility through any factory (tracking), validate the process flow (control) and provide the history of the process steps accomplished on a product (traceability). With TTC middleware, efficient data collection is combined with error proofing to demonstrate process compliance, while reducing material and assembly costs.

Developed by experts in the electronics industry for the electronics industry, this new solution ensures that the right material is at the right place at the right time, along with the historical data to prove it. The middleware provides complete, real time data visibility across the plant floor for any and all data collection points. This can include data collected from machine vision inspections, RFID, barcode and 2D readers.

During a downturn, successful companies are those that focus on bottom line improvements, such as traceability and process workflow improvements. Microscan's TTC solution allows users to acquire more profit out of current sales and production by reducing scrap, preventing quality errors, and increasing throughput speed.

Premiering in 2008, Circuit Assembly's NPI Awards program is an annual celebration of product excellence in electronics surface mount assembly. Premier products based on the finest examples of creative advancement in technology are chosen by a distinguished panel of industry experts.

For more information on Microscan's [Track, Trace and Control Solutions](#) visit [www.microscan.com](http://www.microscan.com).

## **About Microscan**

Microscan is a global leader in technology for precision data acquisition and control solutions serving a wide range of automation and OEM applications. Founded in 1982, Microscan has a strong history of technology innovation that includes the invention of the first laser diode barcode scanner and the 2D symbology, Data Matrix. Today, Microscan remains a technology leader in automatic identification and machine vision with extensive solutions for ID tracking, traceability and inspection ranging from basic barcode reading up to complex machine vision inspection, gauging, and measurement.

As an ISO 9001:2008 certified company recognized for quality leadership in the U.S., Microscan is known and trusted by customers worldwide as a provider of quality, high precision products. Microscan is a Spectris company. For more information, visit [www.microscan.com](http://www.microscan.com).

## **About Cogiscan Inc.**

Cogiscan is the leader in Material Control for the electronics manufacturing industry. The company offers real time tracking, traceability, and control of all materials (feeders, components, PCBs, solder paste) throughout SMT and other assembly processes. Cogiscan provides cost-effective and scalable solutions that ensure the right material is at the right place at the right time.

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