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Microscan MS-3 Bar Code Scanners Selected by McKesson Automation

February 2005 - Renton, Wash.: McKesson Automated Prescription Systems (APS), a business unit of the Fortune 16 McKesson Corporation, will be using Microscan's MS-3 laser bar code scanners in their latest innovation in pharmacy automation, the AccuScript™ Pharmacy Robot. The MS-3 bar code scanners will provide bar code verification of the dispensing and replenishment process for AccuScript™.

A compact, scalable robot designed for the retail pharmacy, AccuScript™ provides the utmost in dispensing accuracy. Approximately the size of one pharmacy bay, AccuScript is capable of filling up to 90 prescriptions an hour and a storage capacity of up to 208 drugs. The entire filling and replenishment process is bar code verified using bar code scanners.

After a lengthy evaluation period, McKesson selected Microscan's miniature MS-3 laser bar code scanners for their ability to deliver 100 percent read rate performance at a very low total cost of ownership. The MS-3's small 1.75" square by .85" tall footprint and wide scan width will enable McKesson engineers to conserve space within the AccuScript™ as efficiently as possible.

"The MS-3 product suite is designed to meet the needs of systems design and value engineers," commented Microscan product manager, Andrew Zosel. "The MS-3 series stands up to demanding space, performance, and budget specifications. Unlike other available options that force the engineer to compromise on one or all of these specifications, the MS-product suite meets them all." An exceptional scan width and a scan angle more than 70 degrees wide enables the MS-3 to read bar codes on objects within a distance of 1.5 inches. A high speed scan rate of 1,000 scans/decodes per second enables the reader to get multiple reads on the bar code, ensuring reliability and 100% accuracy.

Microscan representatives are available for comment. For an interview or more information, please contact **Susan Snyder** at **425-226-5700** or ssnyder@microscan.com.

Founded in 1982, Microscan was the first company to successfully integrate a laser diode into a scanner. Today, with a broad range of products servicing all major industries, Microscan continues its leadership role in advancing the state of the art in the bar code industry. Microscan is a Spectris company.