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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

New MINI Mega Pixel Imager is RoHS Compliant

October, 2005 - Renton, Wash.: Microscan's Quadrus MINI™, the world's smallest high resolution imager for reading bar codes and 2D codes, is one of the first mega pixel imagers to achieve compliance with RoHS – WEEE directives.

RoHS – WEEE is a directive established by the European parliament and the Council of the European Union restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in imported electrical and electronic equipment. Effective July 2006, all products containing hazardous levels of the following six harmful substances will be denied entry into Europe:

- 1.) Lead (Pb),
- 2.) Hexavalent chromium (Cr +6),
- 3.) Mercury (Hg),
- 4.) Polybrominated biphenyl (PBB),
- 5.) Cadmium (Cd)
- 6.) Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE).

The Quadrus MINI provides OEM manufacturers with a RoHS – WEEE compliant solution for reading bar codes and 2D codes such as Data Matrix on boards and components. Designed for integrating into equipment and automated work cells, the MINI's ultra compact size (1.8" w x 2.10"d x 1"h, weight less than 2 ounces) combined with high resolution optics provide the widest scan window available for reading any code at close range or in tight spaces.

Microscan's ability to achieve early compliance with RoHS – WEEE initiatives is further validation of Microscan's concern for the environment. For additional information on the Quadrus MINI or Microscan's environmental initiatives, please contact Susan Snyder at 425.226.5700, ext. 1184 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.