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Microscan Recognized Nationally as #2 in Quality Leadership by *Quality Magazine*

Auto ID Manufacturer Tops the List Ahead of Multinationals such as Honda and GE

RENTON, Wash., October, 2006 — Microscan Systems, a global leader in the development of bar code technology, achieved 2nd place out of 800 manufacturers considered for *Quality* magazine's Quality Leadership 100 survey published in September, 2006. Microscan is the only manufacturer of auto ID equipment on the list, and ranked ahead of Fortune 100 companies such as Honda (3rd) and General Electric (4th) and Delphi (66th).

"Achieving second place out of 800 candidates is a strong tribute to our success as a company, of which quality is at the core," said Microscan President Dennis Kaill. "Microscan bar code products are used in mission critical applications where 100% accuracy and product quality is imperative. We place top priority on our quality manufacturing and monitoring processes. Microscan is ISO 9001:2000 certified, and throughout ten years of certification and the ensuing audits Microscan has never received a major non-conformity notice. That is a claim very few companies today can make."

The criteria used by *Quality* magazine to evaluate manufacturers included scrap and rework as a percentage of sales; warranty cost as a percentage of sales; rejected parts per million shipped; the number of quality programs in place; and the dedication of employees to quality responsibilities. "Microscan is proud to be at the top of the Quality Leadership 100 list, but this is a continuous commitment," commented Marjan Bruestle, Quality Engineer for Microscan. "This recognition is a validation that Microscan has a good team that is dedicated to continuous improvement with the support of strong quality management. The result is top quality products for our customers."

Microscan representatives are available for comment. For an interview or more information, please contact **Shelae Howden** at **425-226-5700** or by e-mail at **showden@microscan.com**.

Microscan is a global leader in the development of advanced bar code products designed for a broad range of applications requiring greater precision. As an ISO 9001:2000 certified company, Microscan is known and trusted by customers worldwide as a provider of quality, high precision automatic identification technology. Microscan is a Spectris company.