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## **ESD Safe Fixed-Mount Bar Code Imager Now Available**

**RENTON, Wash., September, 2006** — Electrostatic discharge (ESD) and the damage it can inflict on sensitive components is a major concern within electronics and semiconductor industries. Microscan advances bar code technology once again with the introduction of the Quadrus® MINI ESD Safe, the world's first ESD Safe miniature fixed-mount imager. The Quadrus® MINI ESD Safe will be publicly introduced at the **ASSEMBLY Technology Expo**, September 26 – 28, in **Microscan's Booth No. 5513**.

Manufacturers in industries such as printed circuit board assembly and semiconductor manufacturing work with electronic components which can be damaged by even small amounts of static electricity. The Quadrus® MINI ESD Safe is the world's first miniature fixed-mount imager which can be safely and easily integrated into ESD-sensitive assembly processes. "The new Quadrus® MINI ESD Safe solves many of the challenges involved in reading codes on sensitive components without discharging static," commented Matt Van Bogart, Industrial Product Manager for Microscan. "With its unique nickel coating and ESD resistant labels, the MINI can be safely integrated without the usual hassles of aerosol coating or restrictive mounting distances."

The ultra compact size of the Quadrus® MINI ESD Safe, combined with high-resolution optics and the widest available field of view, allows close range reading of static-sensitive parts and components. Featuring a megapixel sensor and powerful world-class algorithms, the RoHS/WEEE compliant Quadrus® MINI ESD Safe reads long bar codes and high density 2D symbols in any direction on multiple surfaces. Autofocus, EZ button setup, and Good Read green flash provide exceptional ease of use.

For additional information on the Quadrus® MINI ESD Safe or general ESD safety, please contact **Shelae Howden** at **425-226-5700** or by e-mail at **showden@microscan.com**.

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