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**Control Associates & Mfg., Inc. merges with BTR Controls, Inc.**

Elgin, Illinois, September 2, 2003 – Control Associates & Mfg., Inc. a developer and manufacturer of production quantity control panels for OEM's has acquired the assets of BTR Controls, Inc., a designer and developer of electronic industrial controls. Control Associates will continue operations under the name BTR Controls, Inc.

"These are stimulating and trying times for many companies in the industrial control market, so we are taking the necessary steps to better serve the OEM segment of this market", according to Ron Seyk, president of Control Associates. "The merger of these two companies will now give us the opportunity to offer a complete package of services from product inception through final system production." "We want to use our years of design and manufacturing experience to help OEM's produce economical customer friendly products that exceed their current expectations."

Control Associates is a major producer of control products and complete control systems for original equipment manufacturers in the high speed door industry. Their Digital Gateway® controller, now in the fourteenth year of production symbolizes the company's philosophy of providing user-friendly controls that transcend normal product life cycles. In the area of control panel production, Control Associates has developed the necessary skills and just-in-time manufacturing techniques to economically produce large quantities of semi-custom panels for their OEM clients.

BTR Controls offers electronic design and build services to the OEM industrial control market. Product offerings include custom operator interfaces and embedded controllers in addition to the recently introduced Dedicated Distributed Controller (DDC). The DDC is a new generation controller offering distributed architecture in a custom product directed to OEM's in the equipment, process and diagnostic markets.

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