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### Rutronik and GCT expand partnership: Enhancing connector and cable assembly solutions



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**Ispringen, April 8, 2025 – Rutronik Elektronische Bauelemente GmbH, one of the leading broadline distributors of electronic components in Europe, and GCT, announce an expansion of the existing global partnership, following the merger of Gradconn and GCT. The franchise expansion with Rutronik now enhances the product offering available for Rutronik customers and prospects.**

GCT is an established manufacturer of world-class connector and cable assembly solutions with a long history of providing high-quality connector solutions, supported by comprehensive resources such as 3D models, PCB footprints, product drawings, and specifications. This helps customers easily meet their precise connector design requirements. Product quality and best-in-class service are at the cornerstones of GCT's philosophy.

“The recent merger of GCT and Gradconn has created opportunities to consolidate our distribution networks, and as such GCT is delighted to announce that its full product offering will now be available through Rutronik, who has been a key partner of Gradconn for many years,” said Richard Clark Global Distribution Manager at GCT. “This expanded global agreement builds on the strong relationship that

exists with Rutronik and provides new and existing customers with a wider choice of products and supply chain solutions,” he continued.

The expanded product range includes USB-C, MEM, and SIM sockets, as well as RF connectors and coaxial cable assemblies, which are ideal for wireless markets such as GSM, GPS, and WiFi. With the rise of IoT, smart cities and smart homes, Industry 4.0, and advanced telematics, GCT's RF products play an increasingly important role across a variety of protocols and demanding applications.

“GCT's connectors and cable assemblies can be found in a wide range of applications including mobile and wireless communications, computers and peripherals, industrial, medical, lifestyle electronics, automation, instrumentation, and consumer electronics,” said Davis Angler, Corporate Product Manager Connectors at Rutronik. “Expanding our franchise after the merger with GCT is the logical next step of our long-term and strong partnership,” he continued.

## About GCT

GCT is a manufacturer of standard and custom interconnect products, with established sales, product development and manufacturing facilities worldwide. The ever-growing product offering includes USB, Board to Board, SIM / MEM card connectors, FFC connectors /cables plus a range of RF connectors and cable assemblies. GCT products can be found across a wide variety of applications such as Mobile and Wireless Communication, Computer and Peripherals, Industrial, Medical, Lifestyle Electronics, Automation, Instrumentation, and Consumer Electronics.

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### ABOUT RUTRONIK

Rutronik Elektronische Bauelemente GmbH was founded in 1973 and for more than five decades the independent family-owned company based in Ispringen (Germany) stands for sustainable growth with a focus on high-growth future markets. In the fiscal year 2023, its around 1,900 employees generated sales of 1.24 billion euros, serving more than 40,000 customers.

With more than 80 offices worldwide and logistics centers in Austin (Texas), Shanghai, Singapore, and Hong Kong, Rutronik ensures comprehensive customer support in Europe, Asia, and North America. The company focuses on high-growth future markets that will shape the world of electronics tomorrow. These are Advanced Materials, Advanced Measurement, Processing & Analytics, Advanced Robotics, Automation, Biotechnology, Energy & Power, Future Mobility, IIoT & Internet of Everything, Industry 4.0, Medical & Healthcare, and Transportation, Logistics & Supply Chain.

To serve customers in these future markets, the RUTRONIK AUTOMOTIVE, RUTRONIK EMBEDDED, RUTRONIK IT ELECTRONICS, RUTRONIK POWER, RUTRONIK SMART, and RUTRONIK SYSTEM SOLUTIONS initiatives bundle expertise, specific product portfolios, and consultancy support. In this regard, Rutronik relies on customized solutions that are tailored to the respective needs. The services range from competent technical support in product development and Design-Ins, through the diverse product portfolio of leading manufacturers, to the company's software and hardware solutions with partly patented Rutronik IP.

Customized logistics systems, reliable supply chain management, and logistics centers worldwide ensure on-time delivery. The Rutronik24 e-commerce platform completes Rutronik's range of services.

Further information is available at [www.rutronik.com](http://www.rutronik.com). The new [corporate film](#) also provides exclusive insights into the history and development of Rutronik.

