

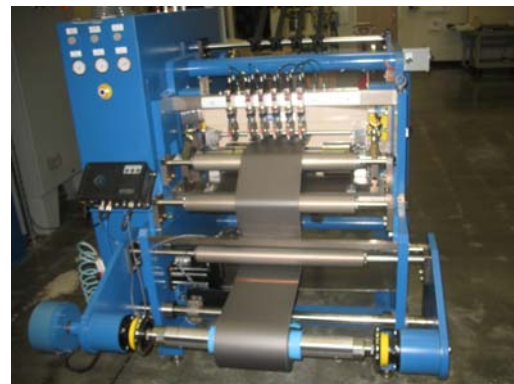


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YARDNEY ACQUIRES NEW ASSEMBLY LINE FROM SILICON VALLEY COMPANY

Advanced Lithium-Ion Production Line Needed to Meet Growing Demand

Pawcatuck, CT – March 12, 2010 -- Yardney Technical Products, Inc., based in Pawcatuck, Connecticut, has purchased the production assets of Imara Corporation, located in Menlo Park, CA. The equipment will be used to increase throughput capability of their *Lithion* product line, which produces aerospace grade rechargeable lithium ion cells and batteries. While the batteries are primarily used to provide power for Department of Defense and NASA systems, this new capability will allow Yardney to avail itself of burgeoning opportunities in the much larger commercial marketplace. *"We have been looking to increase our production line capability for sometime now"* said Mr. Vince Yevoli, President and Chief Operating Officer. *"The availability of this state of the art equipment comes at a fortunate time for our company. The incredible success we have seen with our products in the field, coupled with some very large potential opportunities made this an easy decision."*



Founded in 2006, Imara Corp. had been working on small-format batteries for power tools and outdoor equipment, with the goal of eventually entering the electric vehicle market. Yardney is also eyeing this market, although for now they remain focused on maintaining their strong position within the DOD/NASA community. *"We intend to bring our experience to the electric vehicle market eventually,"* stated Kris Johanessen, Director of Business Development. *"but right now we are preparing for significant increases in our existing product line to better serve our customers."*

In 2001 NASA awarded Yardney a contract to develop the batteries that power the two Mars Rovers, which were launched in 2003. They continue to operate today, having survived six Martian winters they were never supposed to see. The Rover batteries have endured external temperatures to -50(C) for extended periods during their time on Mars. Yardney batteries are also successfully operating on a variety of air-breathing platforms such as the USAF B-2 Bomber, Global Hawk RQ-4 and similar designs for Navy variants such as the UCAS-D and BAMS aircraft. Future orders are anticipated for all aircraft.



Yardney Technical Products, Inc., a veteran-owned small business, is a technology-driven company that focuses on advanced battery technologies for use in high performance applications. These systems have proven successful on mini-sub, rockets, torpedoes, aircraft, satellites, and roving the surface of Mars. The company has distinguished itself since 1944 in the design, development, and manufacture of advanced battery technologies for Aerospace, the Department of Defense, and industrial/commercial applications. In addition to the Lithion product line, Yardney also produces silver-zinc and metal-air cells and batteries. For more information, please go to www.yardney.com or www.lithion.com.

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