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RMT Robotics Launches New Case and Crate Picking Solutions for the Dairy Industry Systems will help dairy producers improve profitability by streamlining operations, lowering costs

(Grimsby, Ontario, Canada: July 27, 2011) RMT Robotics (www.rmtrobotics.com), manufacturer and integrator of innovative robotic gantry material handling systems, will introduce both a case and crate picking solution at the 2011 International Dairy Show. The systems reduce the footprint of standard pick modules, pick in exact customer sequences, and provide complete traceability of products, functions that are often difficult for conventional case picking applications. The robotic gantry-based solutions also have limitless layout options, can operate in chill stores to minus 20 degrees celcius, and can handle a large variety of dairy products, including milk, cream, yogurts, and cheese.

The RMT picking systems are highly flexible and designed to address current distribution dilemmas including SKU proliferation, labor constraints and traceability. Regardless of packaging type -- case or crate-- the systems are designed to pick individual or multiple cases out of active storage. As soon as the system receives orders and products, it begins the pre-picking process. When the required products for a certain order are ready, the system can complete it extremely quickly. Using an advanced automated controls system, cases or crates will be delivered in exactly the desired pallet-build sequence for automated mixed palletizing at the dock. As a result, fresh products arrive at the retail stores earlier and have longer shelf lives. The system also provides precise information on the location of all products as well as the ability to isolate SKUs in the event of a problem or recall.

“RMT Robotics is pleased to introduce our newest case and crate picking solutions for the dairy industry,” said Derek Rickard, Distribution Systems Manager for RMT. “With prices being set by a competitive market and an environment driven by new safety requirements, the industry is under more pressure than ever. RMT systems will help dairy producers address the current challenges, and improve their profitability, by streamlining operations and lowering costs.”

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