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**FSA Technologies Supports Global Fight Against the Spread of COVID-19 by Building Equipment to Produce Medical Masks in Just Two Weeks**

*Cluj-Napoca, Romania – Monday, 20 May 2020* – JR Automation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), continues to join the fight against the spread of the COVID-19 virus by delivering another assembly line medical mask production in just two weeks.

FSA Technologies, a JR Automation company, has historically produced equipment for the automotive and electronics sectors but has pivoted to focus on supporting both public and private sectors by designing, building, and installing automated equipment to produce desperately needed PPE and other critical components.

“Our team in Romania embodied solidarity as we worked across multiple departments to deliver this line quickly,” said Dorin David, CEO of FSA Technologies in Romania. “This is the first machine we’ve deployed to produce medical masks, and we’re working on several other projects for our global customer base. We are dedicated to supporting the front-line workers and helping our communities stay safe and healthy.”

Project managers and mechanical and controls engineering teams worked together with the supply chain team to ensure that all components were delivered on time, even in cases where the purchasing processes were disrupted by COVID-19. Build teams worked around the clock to assemble the machine and install it in only two weeks.

FSA Technologies is ready to provide automated equipment for the fight against COVID-19. With proven expertise in advanced technology, innovative automated-solutions, and the global backing and resources of JR Automation and Hitachi, the company is well positioned to assist manufacturers in making a powerful impact on this pandemic.

### **About FSA Technologies**

FSA Technologies designs and builds custom automation solutions for European customers in the consumer and automotive powertrain as well as other automotive end-markets. The factory operations and office facilities are in Cluj, Romania, Besancon, France with an additional engineering office in Valence, France.

With over 310 employees in France, Romania and Germany, FSA has 800,000 hours of applications developed each year and hundreds of projects delivered and installed in countries on five continents. FSA Technologies was acquired by JR Automation in 2017.

### **About JR Automation**

Established in 1980, JR Automation is a leading provider of intelligent automated manufacturing and technology solutions that solve customers' key operational and productivity challenges. JR Automation serves customers across the globe in a variety of industries, including automotive, life sciences, aerospace, and more.

In 2019, JR Automation was acquired by Hitachi, Ltd. In a strategic effort towards offering a seamless connection between the physical and cyber space for industrial manufacturers and distributors worldwide. With this partnership, JR Automation provides customers a unique, single-source solution for complete integration of their physical assets and data information, offering greater speed, flexibility, and efficiencies towards achieving their Industry 4.0 visions. JR Automation employs over 2,000 people at 23 manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe, and Asia. Visit <https://www.jrautomation.com> for more information.

### **About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is focusing on Social Innovation Business combining its operational technology, information technology and products. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2018 (ended March 31, 2019) totaled 9,480.6 billion yen (\$85.4 billion), and the company has approximately 296,000 employees worldwide. Hitachi delivers digital solutions utilizing Lumada in five sectors including Mobility, Smart Life, Industry, Energy and IT, to increase our customer's social, environmental and economic value. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <https://www.hitachi.com>.

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