



## **Robocom Reports RIMS Implementation for Pharmaceutical DC in Columbia, MD.**

MASSAPEQUA, NY, June 12, 2003 - Robocom Systems International Inc. (OTCBB: RIMS) announces a second implementation of RIMS™, Robocom's flagship Warehouse Management System (WMS), at the AlphaPharma Inc. Distribution Center in Columbia, MD.

During the original implementation of RIMS for the Faulding/Purepac Memphis Distribution Center, Robocom worked with the management group from Elizabeth, NJ and the operations team stationed in Memphis, TN. The implementation went live in three phases based on AlphaPharma's business process at this facility from early 1999 through July 1999.

In mid-2001, Purepac was acquired by AlphaPharma Inc. In July 2002 Robocom began working with AlphaPharma management to implement RIMS at an existing distribution center in Columbia, MD. The go-live date was set for November 1, 2002, based on the AlphaPharma requirement that RIMS and their new ERP system go live at the same time.

"RIMS was selected for the distribution center implementation for 2 main reasons; a proven track record with Robocom and the integration capabilities with the ERP system," said Mike McGee, VP Information Technology, AlphaPharma US Human Pharmaceuticals.

There are plans underway to consolidate the Memphis operation into the Columbia site. The Columbia DC stores products manufactured by AlphaPharma at its nearby production plants as well as products purchased from outside vendors.

All receipts enter the warehouse and are stored in system-directed, optimal storage locations. Storage locations are assigned based on product line, temperature control requirements, and controlled substance requirements to ensure compliance with FDA regulations.

Quality Assurance changes are entered into the QA system and transmitted by RIMS to the host keeping all AlphaPharma systems synchronized.

Orders are electronically downloaded from the host system to RIMS several times a day. Orders for a single customer and product line are automatically

grouped together by RIMS. Picking is done using RF's and barcode scanning. Piece picks are packed, labeled and placed on the conveyor; case picks are also placed on the conveyor which tracks lot numbers to ensure FDA compliance. Once cases are palletized customer-compliant labels are printed for each pallet.

"The Robocom training and on-site support was excellent and instrumental in the successful go-live of the distribution center. With Robocom's experience we were able to complete a very aggressive conversion on time, within budget and with a high degree of quality, " said McGee.

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