

【Press Release】

April 1, 2021

Advantaged Partners Inc.

Announcement Regarding Acquisition of Via Mechanics, Ltd.

We are pleased to announce that on March 31, 2021, funds served by Advantage Partners (“AP Funds”) acquired shares of Via Mechanics, Ltd. (“Via Mechanics” or “the Company”) from funds with The Longreach Group (“Longreach”).

Via Mechanics is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of laser-machining and drilling machines for semiconductor package substrates and printed circuit boards. The Company has earned a strong reputation in the market for its ability to respond to customers' cutting-edge processing needs in a one-stop manner as a result of its years of accumulated technical expertise beginning from its time originally as subsidiary of the Hitachi Group in 1968. Furthermore, the company created a strong platform for future growth during its ownership under Longreach by focusing on high-end markets and creating a leaner organization.

Advantage Partners believes that semiconductor package substrates and printed circuit boards will play an increasingly important role in enhancing the performance of semiconductors which are expected to increase in demand due to market trends including 5G, IoT and electric cars. Going forward, Advantage Partners plans to leverage its extensive accumulated experience in semiconductor manufacturing to support the Company’s development into a leading high-precision machining company by encouraging the development of current and next-generation technologies, improving production capacity, and augmenting the company’s service business.

Details of Via Mechanics

Company Name: Via Mechanics, Ltd.

Representative: Hideaki Shimizu, Representative Director & CEO

Location: 9-32 Tamura-cho, Atsugi-shi, Kanagawa-Prefecture

Business Description: Manufacture, sale and maintenance of laser machining and drilling equipment for semiconductor manufacturing