

## **Mitsubishi Electric acquires ASTES4 SA in Switzerland**

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***The strategic purchase of ASTES4 SA automated sheet metal sorting systems will strengthen Mitsubishi Electric's global laser processing machine business***

**Based in Switzerland ASTES4 SA (ASTES4) is engaged in development, production and sales of Patented automated sorting solutions for sheet metal laser processing machines. As a wholly owned subsidiary, customers can now benefit from integrated solutions available across the global market with ASTES4's automated sorting systems embedded into Mitsubishi Electric's sheet metal laser processing machines.**

Sheet metal laser processing involves loading the material, laser cutting, unloading cut materials as well as removing and sorting cut parts from the frame. A shortfall of skilled human resources in production facilities around the world, combined with the ability of fibre laser machines to produce higher volumes of work has escalated worldwide demand for sorting solutions. A significant increase in productivity is made possible by automating sheet metal laser processing, including pre- and post-processing.

ASTES4 provides flexible automated sorting solutions for various materials using its own Patented technology with high-quality system engineering capabilities that can integrate the entire automation system.

With this acquisition, Mitsubishi Electric will further strengthen its portfolio of automation systems together with sorting solutions for sheet metal laser processing machines to provide its customers with integrated solutions that require less manual loading, unloading and sorting to realize higher productivity and efficiency.

### **About ASTES4**

Company Name	ASTES4 SA
CEO	Gianpaolo Palladini
Location	Headquarter: Via Passeggiata, 3A - 6828 BALERNA – Switzerland
Foundation	October 2013
Business	Development, production and sales of automated sorting solutions for sheet metal laser processing machines

**Note:**

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**Photo caption:**



**Photo 1:** Due to the strategic acquisition of Swiss specialist ASTES4 SA the Mitsubishi Electric sheet metal laser processing machine (pictured on the left of the image) is now available globally fully integrated with the ASTES4 automated sorting system (pictured on the right).

[Source: Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Japan]

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With nearly 100 years of experience in providing reliable, high-quality products, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (TOKYO: 6503) is a recognised world leader in the manufacture, marketing and sales of electrical and electronic equipment used in information processing and communications, space development and satellite communications, consumer electronics, industrial technology, as well as in products for the energy sector, transportation and building equipment.

The company recorded consolidated group sales of 4,444.4 billion yen (in accordance with IFRS; US\$ 41.9 billion\*) in the fiscal year that ended on March 31, 2018.

Our sales offices, research & development centres and manufacturing plants are located in over 30 countries.

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The role of FA-EBG is to manage sales, service and support across its network of local branches and distributors throughout the EMEA region.

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*Market)*

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