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Proto Labs selected by HP Inc. to test new, industrial-grade 3D printing technology

MAPLE PLAIN, MINN.—May 17, 2016—Quick-turn digital manufacturer Proto Labs (NYSE: PRLB) has been selected by HP Inc. as a product testing site for the printing and PC giant's new HP Multi Jet Fusion™ technology for industrial-grade 3D printing.

Proto Labs is one of several companies HP is collaborating with as a part of the company's Early Customer Engagement Program, which conducts product testing and garners user feedback on the product to help accelerate and advance the technology.

Proto Labs was chosen because it has extensive experience as a prime user of industrial-grade 3D printing technology (also known as additive manufacturing) for its prototyping and low-volume manufacturing services. The tech-enabled company also is significantly expanding its 3D printing capabilities as it moves this summer into a new 77,000 sq. ft. facility in Raleigh, North Carolina.

"The new HP Multi Jet Fusion 3D Printing Solution looks like a truly exciting leap ahead in industrial-grade 3D printing," says Rob Connelly, vice president of additive manufacturing for Proto Labs. "We at Proto Labs look forward to collaborating with HP to help develop this new platform that could result in higher productivity and quality at a lower cost."

Proto Labs is "technology agnostic," explains Connelly, meaning the company uses hardware and software that is compatible with many different manufacturing processes, providing a wide range of manufacturing options to its customers.

"We are pleased to have Proto Labs as a customer, providing its input and manufacturing expertise to help us continue to advance the HP Multi Jet Fusion 3D Printing Solution for our customers," says Stephen Nigro, president of HP's 3D printing business.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs is the world's fastest digital manufacturing source for custom prototypes and low-volume production parts. The technology-enabled company uses advanced 3D printing, CNC machining and injection molding technologies to produce parts within days. The result is an unprecedented speed-to-market value for designers and engineers and an on-demand resource throughout a product's lifecycle. Visit protolabs.com for more information.