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## **Automation Leader Receives Global Recognition for Sustainable, Environmental Manufacturing Solutions**

*SAS Automation named a member of German-based global alliance, Blue Competence*

KARLSRUHE (October 7, 2013) — SAS Automation, the leader in superior robotic End-of-Arm tooling (EOAT) and automation technology, has been recognized as a Blue Competence Alliance Member for its sustainable, energy saving manufacturing solutions. Blue Competence, based in Germany, is the global alliance for Mechanical Engineering organizations committed to finding sustainable, environmental solutions for a better world.

As part of SAS Automation's sustainability initiative, the company recently introduced the addition of modular gripper components specifically for tool builders to better understand their "green" tooling options to reduce carbon emissions and cycle times. The system identifies three types of EOAT systems: Green EOAT System (most efficient and safest), Yellow EOAT System (efficient) and Orange EOAT system (less efficient).



Partner of the Engineering Industry  
Sustainability Initiative

In addition to providing education for tool builders on more sustainable tooling options and SAS' company-wide recycling and energy savings programs, the EOAT leader has also installed a large photovoltaic solar array at the main manufacturing facility. This array consists of 222 solar panels, each providing 230 watts for a total of 51.2 kWatt. The solar panels are now generating approximately 36,000 watts of power on a sunny day and are expected to produce over 60 Million Watt Hours of electricity over the next year saving the SAS manufacturing facility over 30 percent of their electricity costs.

"As part of SAS Automation's continued commitment to being a leader in advancing the automation industry, we are proud to be the only robotic EOAT manufacturer to utilize sustainable energy," said Trent Fisher, President & Founder, SAS Automation. "We couldn't be more pleased that our energy saving initiatives are being recognized by the global alliance, Blue Competence."

For more information on SAS Automation's sustainability initiatives, please visit [SASAutomation.com](http://SASAutomation.com).

*SAS Automation provides superior end-of-arm tooling and automation technology to customers and suppliers around the world in a variety of industries, including food, automotive, metal handling, palletizing, and plastics. SAS Automation is one of the world's largest suppliers of modular component-based robotic end-of-arm tooling and gripper systems.*

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