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PRESS RELEASE**HEXAGON ACQUIRES US MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT
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Hexagon has through its wholly owned US subsidiary, Sheffield Measurement Inc., acquired all assets belonging to CMM Systems, which earlier was part of a product line within Starrett Metrology Systems. The seller is the listed American company LS Starrett (NYSE: SCX).

The acquisition includes a stock of new and used CMMs including spare parts, production equipment, as well as intangible rights. The purchase price amounts to 1.5 MUSD.

Starretts product line, CMM Systems, has had an annual turnover of approx. 10 MUSD, and possesses a large installed base of CMMs in the US.

As a part of the transaction, Hexagon Metrology will offer the owners of Starrett CMMs a transfer package to Hexagons standardised software, PC-DMIS. Additionally, during a transitional period Hexagon will offer LS Starretts CMM customers a bundle consisting of a license, installation, training and a service agreement at a reduced price.

Former distributors of Starrett CMMs will be offered to sell a complete program consisting of Sheffield products.

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