



Robert Ciardella Elected to Cohu's Board of Directors

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POWAY, Calif., July 24, 2003 - Cohu, Inc. (NASDAQ:COHU) announced today that Robert L. Ciardella has been elected to the company's board of directors. Mr. Ciardella is President of Asymtek based in Carlsbad, California. Asymtek designs, develops, manufactures and sells semiconductor and circuit board assembly equipment and is a subsidiary of Nordson Corporation.

Mr. Ciardella is a cofounder of Asymtek and holds BS and MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

"I am very pleased to welcome Bob Ciardella to Cohu's Board of Directors," said James A. Donahue, President and Chief Executive Officer. "His seasoned leadership skills and industry experience make him an excellent addition to Cohu's Board and we look forward to his valuable contributions to the Company's ongoing success."

Cohu is a leading supplier of test handling solutions used by the global semiconductor industry as well as a supplier of closed circuit television, metal detection and microwave radio equipment.

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