

## Optessa Teams Up With Merino Services

**Edmonton, Alberta – April 21, 2009** – Optessa Inc. is pleased to announce that it has finalized an alliance agreement with Merino Services Limited (MSL) of New Delhi, India to help expand its presence as the provider of choice for optimal sequencing and scheduling technology to manufacturing industries on a global basis.

“We look forward to working together with MSL to develop business for our products in India and other selected countries and also to partner in implementation projects,” said Vasu Netrakanti, Chief Executive Officer of Optessa. “MSL will be able to leverage its long term customer relationships to introduce Optessa technology.”

“Relationship with Optessa is an important milestone in the evolution of MSL. This will not only give MSL an opportunity to provide more business specific solutions to its existing customers but will also be important for MSL to nurture some global opportunities,” said Rishi Bansal, Global Business Head of MSL.

### About MSL

Merino Services Limited is a business consulting and IT Services organization providing value-added services as a Partner-to-Progress with its customers and business associates. As partners to progress to any customer, MSL believes in a long term relationship with its customers. MSL sells and implements enterprise software solutions from leading global software vendors. MSL is a fully owned subsidiary of the USD 120 million Merino Group with diversified interests in manufacturing modular furniture, high-pressure and low-pressure laminates and farm-to-plate segments among others. Merino Group’s strengths lie in its strong international and domestic presence.

### About Optessa

Optessa Inc. is the leader in optimal scheduling software for high volume manufacturers. Optessa offers the only software solution that can effectively optimize assembly planning, sequencing and scheduling across all of a manufacturer’s product lines and constraints. It solves these complex problems through a unique combination of modern optimization techniques based on patent pending algorithms and extensive domain knowledge. Optessa’s customers include some of the largest, global brand manufacturing companies, and its platform is designed to solve the needs of companies in automotive, semiconductor and other high volume discrete manufacturing environments. To learn more about Optessa, please visit [www.optessa.com](http://www.optessa.com).

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