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Kiva Systems Shows Significant Growth in Massachusetts, Opens New World Headquarters

Company Celebrates Ribbon-Cutting at New 160,000 Square Foot Facility

North Reading, Mass. – May 24, 2011 – [Kiva Systems](#), a developer of game-changing mobile-robotic solutions that automate eCommerce [order fulfillment](#) and warehouse operations, today announces the official ribbon-cutting ceremony of the company’s new world headquarters, is scheduled to take place on May 24, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. EST at 300 Riverpark Drive, North Reading, Massachusetts. (The Riverpark property is owned by DivcoWest.)

The new location boasts more than 120,000 square feet of manufacturing, engineering and demonstration space and 40,000 square feet of office space, to better accommodate the company’s growing staff. Development of Kiva’s warehouse automation solution employs hardware and software engineers, professional services engineers, as well as systems design consultants with deep expertise in fulfillment operations. The new location also serves as the primary manufacturing assembly site for the company’s high-tech hardware, which includes robotic drive units, mobile shelves, work stations and chargers.

“I am so proud to support Kiva’s spirit of innovation and applaud its commitment to invest in our workforce by continuing to add jobs in the Commonwealth,” said Governor Deval Patrick. “Kiva is a great story for this region to tell, having relocated its company from Silicon Valley to Massachusetts where they are now manufacturing global exports, and making the Commonwealth internationally competitive in the robotics market.”

“This facility opening signifies our transition from a high-tech startup to a major player in the fast growing eCommerce fulfillment market,” said Mick Mountz, founder and CEO of Kiva Systems. “Our new World Headquarters employs Massachusetts’ finest, from electro-mechanical assemblers to engineers and algorithm designers to solutions consultants as we solve challenges for many of the world’s leading retail and eCommerce

companies including Staples, Boston Scientific, Gap and Walgreens.”

Kiva’s innovative approach to warehouse automation uses fleets of robotic drive units that bring inventory on mobile shelves directly to workers, allowing easy and efficient access to all inventory items at all times. Elimination of operator walking and waiting enables worker productivity that is two- to four-times higher than with other automated systems. What’s more, because all the system components are mobile and modular, a Kiva solution can transform an empty warehouse into a fully automated distribution center in a matter of weeks.

“As a technology driven company, Kiva is relentless about growth and innovation. With our talented and dedicated employees in this new facility, there are no limits to the road ahead,” said Mountz.

Kiva will celebrate the opening of its new facility together with customers, partners, local entrepreneurs, academics, industry analysts and the press. The event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, remarks made by Kiva’s founder and CEO Mick Mountz followed by a live tour of the manufacturing floor and demos of the mobile-robotic fulfillment solution.

About Kiva Systems

Kiva Systems, Inc. offers game-changing automation solutions for distribution centers that help companies simplify operations and reduce costs while increasing strategic flexibility. Using hundreds of autonomous mobile robots and sophisticated control software, the Kiva Mobile Fulfillment System enables extremely fast cycle times with reduced labor requirements, from receiving to order picking to shipping—all without conveyor. The result is a building that is quick and low-cost to set up, inexpensive to operate, and easy to change. For more information on Kiva Systems and its solutions, please visit www.kivasystems.com.