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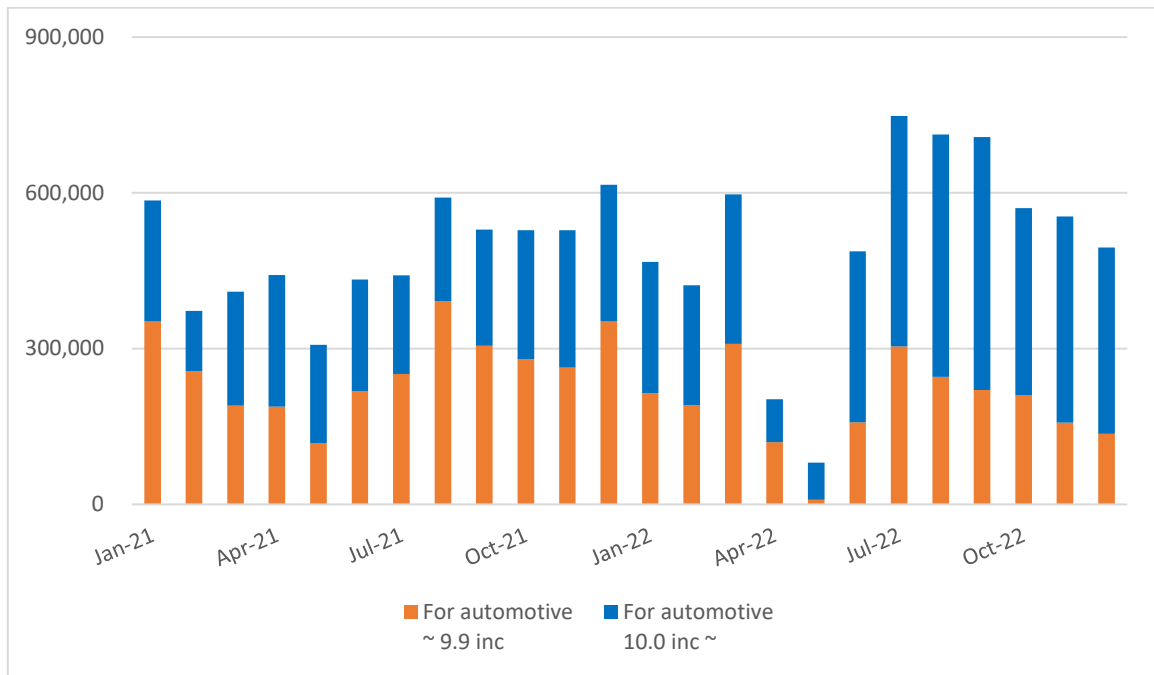
CDW Holding updates on LCD Backlight Unit recovery, delivery of large sized model for US automobile brand and feasibility study for Vietnam expansion

- Total delivery volume of LCD backlight units for automotive digital instrument panels from January to December 2022 has recovered to more than the same period last year
- LCD backlight units for a leading Japanese automobile brand have been favorable
- In February 2023, the Group began mass production/delivery of the largest LCD backlight unit ever for a US automobile brand
- Initiated a feasibility study of expanding to Vietnam due to the regional diversification of backlight unit business

Singapore, 1 March 2023 – SGX Mainboard listed CDW Holding Limited (“**CDW**”, the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”), is pleased to announce the following business updates.

LCD Backlight Unit Segment

Even though the Group’s backlight unit productions were temporarily suspended in April and May 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions in Shanghai as previously announced, its total delivery volume of LCD backlight units for automotive digital instrument panels in the one year period from January to December 2022 (the “**Period**”) saw a growth to a higher level compared to the same period last year. During this Period, the delivery volume of LCD backlight units for automotive models was a year-on-year increase of 4.53% from the previous corresponding period.



Graph 1 – Delivery volume of backlight units for automotive models by the size from January 2021 to November 2022

In addition, more than 50% of the Group’s LCD Backlight Unit total sales and delivery volume during this Period were for larger automotive digital instrument panels (over 10-inches). Such deliveries of the LCD Backlight Units comprised 52% for large sized automotive digital panels, which was 19% increase from the previous year’s 33%. The growth in the larger LCD backlight units was supported by the Group’s deliveries of automotive model for a leading Japanese automobile brand which started in the first quarter ended 31 March 2022 (“**1Q2022**”). This model accounted for more than 10% of the delivery volume of over 10-inch LCD backlight units during the Period.

The Group is developing the high-luminance type technology used in PCs and other products, including for use in automotive applications, mass production and delivery started in February 2023 for US automobile brands. The inch size of the backlight units produced is the largest ever for the Group.

The delivery volume of LCD backlight units for high-end PCs decreased slightly by 7% during the Period compared to the same period of the previous year.

Exploring Feasibility of Expanding to Vietnam

The Group has long been considering regional diversification of its backlight unit business. However, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Vietnamese government restricted the entry of foreigners from 22 March 2020 onwards. After several rounds of easing, it was announced on 15 March 2022 that entry procedures in Vietnam would be restored to those that were in place prior to the application of border control measures for COVID-19.

In response to the abovementioned announcement by the Vietnamese government, the Group began its research to determine whether or not to expand its business into Vietnam.

In November 2022, the Group opened a representative office in Ho Chi Minh City and it was licensed in December 2022. The representative office assists in the conduct of a full-scale field survey on the feasibility of the Group's expansion to Vietnam ("**Feasibility Survey**"). Personnel from the Group's backlight unit business travel to Vietnam to conduct various on-site surveys such as to determine the availability of domestic procurement of parts and materials, to visit industrial parks and others. Considering the survey result and future customer trends, the Group will make a strategic decision.

"The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant impact on corporate activities, but it appears to have passed its peak, and deregulation has started in many countries. The Group's backlight unit business has also temporarily suspended production. However, now there are prospects for recovery, and we have begun Feasibility Survey for expansion into Vietnam. In addition, we believe that we can succeed in the production and delivery of the Group's largest ever sized product by making the most of our existing management resources, and we expect that our cutting-edge and highly reliable LCD backlight units will become a benchmark in backlight technology.", said Mr. YOSHIKAWA Makoto, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Group.

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CDW Holding Limited (the “Company” and together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) is a Japanese-managed precision components specialist serving the global market focusing on the production and supply of niche precision components for digital instrument panels in the automobile industry, notebook computers, consumer and information technology equipment, office equipment and electrical appliances, and an original equipment manufacturer. The Group is headquartered in Hong Kong and has operations in Japan, China, South Korea, Thailand and the Philippines. The Company has been identifying new businesses to invest in with the potential for growth and entered as part of its diversification strategy and has made forays into the Life Sciences sector since 2016. The Company’s aim for its Life Sciences business is to identify research-driven yet commercializable projects that can have a positive impact on the quality of human life.

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