

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec (CRIQ) and the [Regroupement de l'industrie électronique \(RIE\)](#) leveraged the launch of the [Bureau d'aiguillage au sans plomb \(BASP\)](#) to sign a first collaboration agreement. The agreement revolves around a research project whose objective is to develop a lead-free electronic circuit manufacturing process auditing program.

This CRIQ initiative aligns with the concerted efforts of all of the industry stakeholders to accelerate the adaptation of the electronic industry in order to enable the sector to meet the July 2006 deadline set by Europe in view of complying with the RoHS [directive](#) governing hazardous substances.

The companies who have agreed to take part in this project include: Circuits imprimés de la Capitale, Circuits Technologies Avro 2001, Conception Technique, Électronique S.E.M., Fiso Technologies, Gecko électronique, Labo Circuits, M2S, Olympus NDT Canada and Produits nationaux pour l'environnement.



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