**Farnell element14 achieves Phoenix Contact award for exceptional sales growth in 2014**

**19 February 2015,** Farnell element14 has been named Phoenix Contacts’ distribution partner of the year 2014 for Device Connections based on exceptional sales growth.

Steve Herd Global Product Director, Connectors at Premier Farnell stated: “We are delighted to have been recognised by Phoenix Contact as their distribution partner of the year. This year we have launched 500 products to build our range including the M23 Hybrid and PTSM range. We look forward to continued success in 2015.”

Colin Green, Phoenix Contact general manager, stated: “The level of interaction and dedication shown by Farnell element14 has been outstanding and it is this strong working value-add partnership that has enabled them to achieve exceptional sales growth results in 2014. The award is in recognition of their outstanding performance and commitment to Phoenix Contact throughout last year.”

This week Farnell element14 launched Phoenix Contact’s SMD components to the COMBICON product range for SMT production.

Reflecting the trend towards surface mount devices in recent years, the SPT-SMD product series features compact spring-cage PCB terminal blocks with direct plug-in technology for industrial applications up to 1.5 mm², optimised for existing SMT lines where the connection direction and voltage level can be freely chosen.

Farnell element14’s Phoenix Contact portfolio also includes products from the industrial components, industrial electronics and interface divisions.

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