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It's great to see so much activity taking place in the industry over the last quarter. Companies are continuing to turn out their latest product offerings as well as seeking to promote them. In fact this is

exactly what the industry needs to do in the face of recession to keep momentum going, maintain customer confidence and keep up with product innovation.

I have also experienced first-hand examples of regaining momentum recently with on site facility visits and through attending various sector conferences. For instance the Invest in Photonics conference held in Q1 of this year turned up some positive results for start up and small sized companies involved in photonics to gain investor support. Also Carl Software is continuing to go from strength to strength as the

company demonstrated with the latest employment of its Carl Master CMMS software control system which has been implemented by the Nantes urban area water board in France.

Also Fujitsu celebrates its 30th anniversary and receives a name change to Fujitsu Semiconductor Europe.

As Electronica fever starts to build don't forget to start planning your trip soon to avoid the pitfalls of late bookings. Check out the Electronica website for advice on booking your entire visit.

Also in the news, don't miss RS Components newly launched

'DesignSpark', online design environment for engineers. The site is an online information porthole offering advice to design engineers catering to all their design needs.

Finally any comments or suggestions on Electronics magazine please forward them in to me at: mwinny@dateam.co.uk.

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