## Fire Takes Viasystems Plant in Guangzhou Offline

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**GUANGZHOU CITY, CHINA --** A **Viasystems Group** printed circuit board plant here will be offline for up to six weeks following a fire early yesterday.

The fire occurred on the morning of Sept. 5, the company said, and was contained to a part of one building on the campus of its PCB manufacturing facility here.

There were no injuries resulting from the fire. Viasystems is assessing the detailed property damage but believes that it has adequate insurance coverage.

The PCB fabricator says it does not expect any negative environmental impact resulting from the fire.

Based on the preliminary review, Viasystems anticipates a portion of the plant will be out of service for a period of at least four to six weeks. Plans are being put in place to shift production to its other existing printed circuit board facilities. Viasystems is one of the largest producers of multilayer boards in the world, with a particular focus on supplying to the automotive market.

Viasystems, which recently purchased **DDI**, was ranks 11th worldwide in PCB sales, pro rated for DDI. It ranked 17th in 2011, according to Dr. Hayao Nakahara's just published NTI-100

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