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**Elron Announces Purchase of 500,000 Additional Shares of Given Imaging Ltd. for
approximately \$14.8 million**

Tel Aviv, November 4, 2004 – Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ: ELRN) announced today that it has purchased from November 3, 2004 to November 4, 2004 in the open market on the Nasdaq National Market in the United States and on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange 500,000 additional Ordinary shares of Given Imaging Ltd. (Nasdaq: GIVN), for an aggregate purchase consideration of approximately \$ 14.8 million.

As a result of these transactions, Elron's direct and indirect ownership interest in Given Imaging (through its holdings in its subsidiary, RDC-Rafael Development Corporation Ltd.) increased from approximately 16.8% to approximately 18.6%.

Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. is a multinational high technology holding company based in Israel. Through affiliates, Elron is engaged with a group of high technology operating companies in the fields of medical devices, communication, IT software, semiconductors and advanced materials. For further information, visit <http://www.elron.com>

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