



APPLIED SEALS NORTH AMERICA EXTENDS GLOBAL NETWORK WITH ADDITION OF DISTRIBUTOR IN EUROPE

High-Tech Seals Provider Establishes Local Product Supplies and Services To Help European Customers Maximize Cost Efficiencies

NEWARK, Calif., October 6, 2009 – Extending its reach into more international high-tech markets, [Applied Seals North America, Inc.](#) has signed [Semiconductor Parts and Materials AG](#) (SPM) to distribute its perfluoroelastomer sealing components and provide local applications support throughout Europe. Applied Seals' o-rings and other products are integral in the ultraclean manufacturing of semiconductors, solar cells and pharmaceutical products.

This partnership deal in Europe follows another recent announcement by Applied Seals concerning Israel, where the company signed BTS Baruch & Co. Technologies & Supplies Ltd. (BTS) as its distributor there.

“Throughout Europe, semiconductor manufacturers are seeking improved cost efficiencies, which our seals’ longer lifecycles enable,” said Dalia Vernikovsky, president and general manager of Applied Seals North America. “Working with SPM and using our expertise in materials science, product design and applications know-how, Applied Seals is now prepared to offer European microelectronics and biotechnology companies the durable sealing technology and local support they need to compete in their fast-paced markets.”

SPM has 12 years of experience providing service and spares for semiconductor customers throughout Germany, Austria, Italy, France, the U.K., Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Scandinavia and Slovakia. The company maintains product inventories, applications and technical support operations near major manufacturing centers in Germany, Italy and the U.K. to enable quick-turnaround deliveries and service calls.

Philipp Quaderer has been CEO of SPM since its founding. Over the past 10 years, he has focused on sales and market development for SPM’s partner Applied Ceramics Europe AG, a supplier of custom ceramic, quartz, silicon and sapphire products for the semiconductor and photonics industries.

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Applied Seals’ products are manufactured by GMORS, the largest producer of sealing products in Taiwan and parent company of both Applied Seals North America and its sister company Applied Seals Co., Ltd., which is based in Taiwan. In addition to supplying the microelectronics, biomedical and chemical processing industries, GMORS provides sealing products for every major automobile manufacturer in the world.



About Applied Seals North America

Applied Seals sells and supports a range of sealing products used to create and maintain the integrity of ultraclean manufacturing environments. Seals are used within virtually all production equipment used in processing semiconductors, solar panels, pharmaceuticals, ultrapure chemicals and other high-technology products. Prescribing the optimal seal for each application has been shown to increase manufacturing uptime, boosting production capacities without the expense of adding capital equipment. More information is available at www.appliedsealsna.com.

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