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Eriez Announces Partnership with Sapphire Alliance to Bring Superior X-Ray Technology to North America

Eriez President and CEO, Tim Shuttleworth, announces that the company has joined the Sapphire Alliance, a global group of the most experienced X-Ray inspection companies that collaborate to develop and offer the most reliable, best-supported systems on the market.

Member companies offer an extensive variety of X-Ray equipment and services to the food, pharmaceutical, chemical, packaging and other industries. Individual alliance members have installed hundreds of automatic X-Ray systems and many have experience in the field that spans more than 20 years.

"Our partnership with the Sapphire Alliance brings us technology our customers have been requesting for years," said Ray Spurgeon, Assistant Product Manager. "We are extremely pleased that we can now fulfill customers' X-Ray needs, backed by global partners who are the best of the best in this industry."

The Sapphire Alliance's customers include top manufacturers in the US and abroad. While member companies around the world develop Sapphire Alliance products, Eriez will manufacture complete systems for its customers at their recently expanded Erie, PA headquarters.

"These X-Ray products will complement perfectly our E-Z Tec® Metal Detector line and magnetic separation products, allowing us to better-assist customers in meeting food safety guidelines and HACCP requirements," said Spurgeon.

Spurgeon will lead Eriez' new X-Ray team, which includes Jim Kidder, Manager, Electrical Engineering, Greg Nowak, Manager, Research and Development, John Welka, Supervisor, Research and Development, Terry Koebe, Senior Buyer, and Keith Jones, Director of Corporate Communications.

The company's introductory product in this line is the E-Z Tec® XR-21 Inspection System, which will be introduced at PACK EXPO 2006. The XR-21 series is designed for packaged or loose product flows. Systems are supplied with software for individual or special applications to inspect for contaminant, product mass and non-conformities.

Spurgeon explains that Eriez will soon offer a complete line of X-Ray inspection products that will include larger systems for carton inspection and pipelines.

Eriez is recognized as world authority in advanced technology for magnetic, vibratory and inspection applications. The company's magnetic lift and separation, metal detection, materials feeding, screening, conveying and controlling equipment have application in the process, metalworking, packaging, recycling, mining, aggregate and textile industries. Eriez manufactures and markets these products through nine international facilities located on five continents. For more information, call toll-free (888) 300-ERIEZ (3743) within the U.S. and Canada. For online users, visit www.eriez.com or send e-mail to eriez@eriez.com

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