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NEW STI DISTRIBUTOR FOR AUSTRALIA

TRENTON, NJ August 15, 2006 – To meet growing international demand for its advanced electroless nickel technologies, Surface Technology, Inc. has established a distributor arrangement in Australia. Surface Technology, Inc. is a world recognized leader in electroless nickel coatings, specializing in composite electroless coatings. Elite Surface Technologies Ptv, Ltd, with offices in Melbourne and Sydney, will now offer a full line of STI's proprietary electroless nickel coatings including all varieties of composite electroless nickel and conventional. Elite Surface Technologies will also sell STI's recently developed line of electroless nickel systems that are free of lead and cadmium for compliance with environmental regulations.

Elite Surface Technologies is the latest company to join Surface Technology Inc.'s list of international distributors, representatives, and/or licensees which include: Allied-Kelite; Atotech; Alan Technologies; Electrochemicals; Enthone-OMI; OMG Fidelity Chemical; Hitachi; IBM; Kanigen-Japan, Lea Ronal; MacDermid; Olin Hunt; Roehlen Industries; Schering; Shipley, Sirius Technology, and Uyemura.

Surface Technology, Inc. holds more than ninety patents, which have helped establish its reputation as an innovative leader in the metal finishing industry. Surface Technology, Inc. is unique in its ability to offer its technology as services from its own production facility, as chemical products for its customers to use in their own facilities, and through license and distribution arrangements that have helped spread this technology worldwide.