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**FDA Reports Positive Review of Surface Technology, Inc. Coatings**

**The Food and Drug Administration Issues Positive Review  
on Four of Surface Technology, Inc.'s Proprietary Coatings**

TRENTON, NJ, December 2, 2003 – The Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has issued a positive review of four of proprietary coatings belonging to Surface Technology, Inc. The coatings reviewed by the FDA were Composite Diamond Coating, NiPlate 700, NiSlip 25, and NiSlip 500. The Public Health Service Department of the FDA declared that, “because these materials are highly resistant to corrosion and abrasion, there is little or no likelihood that components of these materials would migrate into food.

The four coatings so reviewed are characterized as follows:

- Composite Diamond Coating – Composite electroless nickel coating with fine diamond particles for exceptional hardness, wear and impact resistance.
- NiPlate 700 - Composite electroless nickel coating with silicon carbide particles for outstanding wear resistance.
- NiSlip 25 – Composite electroless nickel with boron nitride particles for low friction, lubricity, release and higher hardness and wear resistance than nickel-Teflon coatings.
- NiSlip 500 – Composite electroless nickel with sub-micron Teflon particles for low friction, lubricity, and release properties.

The FDA does not certify specific products. However, the FDA does review the safety and issue regulations stipulating conditions of safe use for chemicals intended to be in contact with food or to allow premarket notifications for use of food contact substances to become effective.

Composite Diamond Coating, NiPlate 700, NiSlip 25, and NiSlip 500 are covered by one or more of the following US Patents, owned by Surface Technology, Inc.; 4,997,686, 5,145,517, 5,300,330, 5,863,616, and 6,306,466 B1

Surface Technology, Inc. offers a full line of proprietary electroless nickel plating solutions and coating services. These solutions and coating services are sold to end users and distributors around the world. The company holds more than ninety US and foreign patents, which have helped establish its reputation as an innovative leader in the metal finishing industry. This strength has resulted in over forty license agreements with companies around the world including: Allied-Kelite; Atotech; Cloeren Inc., Electrochemicals; Enthone-OMI; OMG Fidelity Chemical; Hitachi; IBM; Kanigen-Japan, Lea Ronal; MacDermid; Olin Hunt; Roehlen Industries; Schering; Shipley, Sirius Technology, and Uyemura.