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Supplier Excellence Alliance Announces Appointments to the Supplier Advisory Council

Irvine, California –January 7, 2010 – **The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)** announced New Appointments to SEA’s Supplier Advisory Council (SAC). The SAC is SEA’s Aerospace & Defense (A&D) Industry’s supplier leadership council. Its purpose is to expand customer involvement and advise SEA on strategies to accelerate the industry transformation. SAC members are supplier CEOs, GMs and owners who are leading the effort to transform the A&D industry supply chain performance and engaging their customers in a dialogue of improving on-going supplier concerns.

Marzel Neckien, President of W Machine Works, Inc. in San Fernando, CA was appointed Chairman of the Supplier Advisory Council. New members appointed to the Council are: **Douglas C. Greene**, President of Hixson Metal Finishing, Inc., in Newport Beach, CA, **Kenny Heifner**, Vice President of SMS Technologies, Inc., in San Diego, CA, **Tim Holland**, CEO of Graco Supply Company, Inc. in Ft. Worth, TX, **Joe Yockey**, Owner/Principal of Joined Alloys, LLC in Phoenix, AZ, **Patrick H. Bye**, President of Energy Dynamics, Inc., in Machesney Park, IL, **Steven A. Fournier**, President & CEO of Gar-Kenyon Technologies, Inc. in Naugatuck CT, **William C. McGinnis**, CEO of National Technical Systems, Inc. in Calabasas, CA and **Pat McCready**, President & CEO of TSI Plastics, Inc. in Minneapolis, MN. “SAC members lead by example. They share their successes and failures with other suppliers unselfishly. I’m honored to be working with this fine group of leaders.” said Michael G. Beason, SEA’s Chairman, CEO & Founder.

SEA is an unprecedented aerospace and defense alliance led by sub-tier suppliers committed to accelerating supply chain performance. SEA provides a proven turnkey system for supplier development targeted to mid-tier aerospace and defense customers and provides an industry voice for suppliers on issues affecting supply chain performance. SEA also provides a platform for supplier visibility, performance improvement and collaboration.

SEA Educational Partners include Glovia, Ellison Technologies, Mori Seiki, The Rule Group and America Approved. SEA partners and alliances include The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), The International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG), A|D|S, the UK’s AeroSpace, Defence and Security Trade Organization and The California Space Authority.

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