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Cookson Electronics' ALPHA® Vaculoy® SACX™ Has Rapidly Grown to 46% of the Company's Lead-Free Wave Solder Alloy Sales in Europe.

Jersey City, NJ, April 3, 2006 – Cookson Electronics Assembly Materials is pleased to announce that the sales of its high reliability ALPHA® Vaculoy® SACX™ now account for 46% of its Lead-Free bar sales in Europe.

"Since its introduction in early 2004, sales of SACX™ have grown steadily, and over the last 6 months we have experienced spectacular growth as our customers are looking for the high performance, reliability and value they find only in SACX™," said Gerry Campbell, Cookson Electronics' Global Product Manager. "The recent increases in the prices of Tin and Silver have forced our customers to look at lower cost alternatives to reduce the cost burden of moving to Lead-Free processes. SACX™ costs 30% less per kg and represents significant bottom line savings and an increase in competitive advantage. The strength of this product is that these cost savings can be realized without compromising process yield or reliability."

ALPHA® Vaculoy® SACX™ delivers wave soldering process value by providing SAC305 performance at 30% lower cost. Its fast wetting speed offers improved solderability that outperforms all Sn/Cu based alloys. It provides excellent drainage and minimizes bridging defects. ALPHA® Vaculoy® SACX™ creates strong, mechanically sound joints with excellent long-term reliability. It also minimizes dross generation, resulting in low process maintenance and reduced product waste. Its process window supports the use of a wide range of flux technologies.

Go to www.cooksonelectronics.com, for additional information about ALPHA® Vaculoy® SACX™.

About Cookson Electronics Assembly Materials

Cookson Electronics Assembly Materials, a Cookson Electronics company, is the global leader in the

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development, manufacturing and sales of innovative materials used in electronic assembly processes. With a unique worldwide presence in 50 locations

throughout the Americas, Europe and the Asia/Pacific region, CEAM supplies a full line of Solder Paste, Stencils, Squeegee Blades, Stencil & PCB Cleaners, Bar Solder, Cored Wire Solder, Wave Soldering Fluxes, and SMD Adhesives. CE Analytics is Cookson's resource for diagnostics solutions, analytical services and applications expertise. Cookson Electronics Semiconductor Packaging is the leader in EMC and polymeric materials for semiconductor packaging. Since its founding in 1872, Cookson Electronics has been committed to developing and manufacturing the highest quality soldering materials. That tradition continues today through its innovative products, including its line of environmentally friendly, lead-free electronic assembly products. For more information, visit www.cooksonelectronics.com.

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