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Photo Etch Joins Supplier Excellence Alliance

First Texas Supplier to Commit to SEA Lean Enterprise Engagement

FORT WORTH, TX – June 22, 2006 – Photo Etch, a leading aerospace manufacturing company, has joined the Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA). SEA is a nonprofit alliance formed by aerospace, defense and space companies with a goal to implement a single lean enterprise system throughout the U.S. supply chain to make it globally competitive.

Photo Etch is one of the first suppliers in Texas to join the initiative, as well as the first to engage in SEA's lean enterprise conversion process, which focuses on leadership and culture, workforce development and operational excellence. Photo Etch joins prime member companies like The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin, Rockwell Collins and Bombardier – just to name a few.

According to Randy Fry, president and CEO of Photo Etch, "We're looking forward to being involved in SEA's integrated approach to deploying lean principles to help make it a standard in the aerospace industry's supply chain. It's something we'll all benefit from."

As part of Photo Etch's membership, SEA will evaluate Photo Etch's lean manufacturing initiative and make recommendations for improvements, if necessary. Photo Etch will also be part of on-going meetings with other suppliers and prime members.

According to Michael Beason, SEA Chairman of the Board, "The supplier of the future will be capable of 99.5% on-time delivery; lead time variation of less than two hours; six sigma quality; inventory turns in excess of 15; and year-on-year cost improvements of 5-8%. The future supplier will do all of this and still maintain a 10-15% profit before taxes."

About Photo Etch

Photo Etch designs and manufactures displays and control panels used for military and commercial airborne and ground communications, as well as navigation systems. The company also manufactures flight simulation and training components. One of Photo Etch's specialties is night vision technology for airborne military operations. Photo Etch's client base includes major defense contractors like Boeing, Lockheed-Martin and Grumman Aerospace, as well as U.S. Department of Defense agencies like the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy. Founded in 1960, Photo Etch follows ISO 9001 and SAE AS9100 quality standards, as well as a company-wide lean manufacturing initiative. The firm operates from a 50,000-square-foot facility in Fort Worth, Texas. For more information, visit www.photo-etch.com or call (817) 332-3806.

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