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LEACH and GIGAVAC Develop New Family of 270 Vdc Aerospace Contactors

BUENA PARK and SANTA BARBARA Calif., June 12, 2006 - Two industry leaders, Leach International, an Esterline Corporation component and equipment manufacturer, and GIGAVAC, today's expert in high voltage relays, have announced development of a new family of 270 Vdc aerospace contactors utilizing GIGAVAC's EPIC T (Extended Performance Impervious Ceramic) technology. With EPIC T technology, the new contactors will benefit from unique sealing properties that enable components to withstand the severe environments of high voltage power generation and distribution systems

According to Mark Thek, president of Leach International North America, "This new family of 270 Vdc Leach contactors is designed to meet the power control requirements of the next generation aircraft, including unmanned aerial vehicles. With EPIC technology, these contactors will be compact, lightweight devices with significant advantages over currently available products."

GIGAVAC's president Mike Molyneux commented, "Many of us at GIGAVAC have worked with Leach in the past on the co-development of 270 Vdc power controllers. This latest teaming allows GIGAVAC to utilize its high voltage switching expertise to develop new sealed, high-current 270 Vdc contactors for the military/aerospace market without losing focus on our core markets." Molyneux adds, "We both have highly skilled offshore manufacturing capabilities to reduce costs when volume becomes significant. This 'team' will be good for the industry."

The new contactors will be featured at the Esterline exhibit, Hall 1, Stand B11, Farnborough Air Show July 17-23.

Leach International Corporation, a leader since 1919 in high-reliability power switching components, is a subsidiary of Esterline Technologies and one of the largest manufacturers of electrical switching and control devices for the aerospace industry. GIGAVAC, considered today's expert for engineering, manufacturing, testing and application of high-voltage relays, is one of the largest suppliers of high-voltage relays in the world.

About Leach International:

Leach International Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Esterline Technologies Corporation, is a world leader for the design and manufacture of high-reliability power switching and control components and equipment for aerospace, rail, and high-end industrial applications worldwide. Leach specializes in combining its leading-edge components with unique design and manufacturing capabilities to provide custom AC/DC power distribution assemblies. Known for its design excellence and commitment to quality and reliability since 1919, Leach equipment and components are used on thousands of aerospace, military, rail, and high-end industrial applications worldwide in the most severe environments.

About Esterline:

Esterline Corporation is a specialized manufacturing company serving principally aerospace/defense and medical markets. Esterline management views the company's businesses in three segments related to its set of core competencies: Avionics & Controls, Sensors & Systems, and Advanced Materials.

Operations within the Sensors & Systems segment including Leach, produce, power distribution equipment, high-precision temperature and pressure sensors, motion control components, and other related systems principally for aerospace and defense customers. The Avionics & Controls segment focuses on technology interface systems for commercial and military aircraft and similar devices for land- and sea-based military vehicles, secure communications systems, specialized medical equipment, and other high-end industrial applications. Advanced Materials focuses on process-related technologies, including high-performance elastomer products and high-temperature resistant components used for a wide range of military and commercial aerospace purposes and combustible ordnance and electronic warfare countermeasure products.

About GIGAVAC:

GIGAVAC designs, manufactures and sells sealed High Voltage relays worldwide using the latest design and process technologies. Products include: vacuum relays; gas filled relays, high voltage reed relays and custom high voltage relays. GIGAVAC is considered today's expert in HV relays because of years of experience engineering, manufacturing, testing, and applying high voltage relays. GIGAVAC, located near Santa Barbara, CA, has manufacturing partners in Asia and Europe and is one of the largest suppliers of high voltage relays in the world.

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