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EWI AND SPACEFORM ANNOUNCE A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

Companies to Jointly Develop and Market Innovative Deformation Resistance Welding Technology

DETROIT, MICHIGAN – SpaceForm, Inc., a Delphi spinout company, and the Edison Welding Institute (EWI) have announced that EWI will become SpaceForm’s R&D development partner and actively participate in the commercialization and production scale up activities of SpaceForm’s Deformation Resistance Welding (DRW) technology. This alliance will enable SpaceForm to advance DRW development toward production capabilities, narrow manufacturing parameters, and become a reliable, proven process.

DRW is a revolutionary welding process. DRW forms near instantaneous, full strength, automated leak-tight welds. With DRW, designers can create lean structural assemblies by using tubular components. Tubes may be joined to other tubes, sheets or solids – optimizing cost and performance.

Henry Cialone, CEO of EWI, stated, “Delphi has been a pioneer in the area of deformation resistance welding and we’re pleased to have helped in scaling up the process. Now, we look forward to working with SpaceForm to develop the process for structural mobile applications. DRW offers additional design flexibility to achieve strong, lightweight structures at a competitive cost. We see promising uses for this technology in the automotive industry and a variety of other areas.”

Timothy Forbes, acting CEO of SpaceForm and Delphi Corporation Director for Technology Commercialization and Licensing said, “The potential cost and quality advantages of DRW coupled with EWI’s preeminent status as the leading material joining institute bode well for SpaceForm to provide innovative welding solutions to our customers.”

Together, SpaceForm and EWI plan to offer customized product development services to the automotive and manufacturing industries. Customers will utilize the extensive resources and staff of Columbus-based EWI to design and carryout feasibility, prototype and validation studies. SpaceForm will provide customers with design services and commercial access to the technology and coordinate a central knowledge basis that will benefit all users of DRW.

According to Alain Piette, Executive Director of Business and Product Development for SpaceForm, “The market will appreciate the energy and efficiency that EWI and SpaceForm bring to the manufacturing industry – allowing responsive, thorough testing of DRW for challenging applications. These applications reduce cost and mass, improve quality, and create lean structures.”

The development and commercialization of DRW has been accelerated through a number of notable achievements:

- Certification of DRW by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) as a nationally recognized manufacturing process (approval code 2463)
- Multi-year, multi-million dollar grants from NASA and the Michigan Research Institute to Delphi for evaluation of DRW in NASA’s Man on the Moon and Man to Mars expeditionary missions
- Winner of the 2006 Michigan Technology Leaders Corporate Partnership Award
- Start-up investment funding from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Tri-Corridor Fund

About SpaceForm: SpaceForm is an advanced welding company set up to commercialize the patented Deformation Resistance Welding process as a way to cut costs, improve material performance and optimize the welding technology for mobile structures. Headquartered in TechTown, Detroit’s Research and Technology Park, SpaceForm was established by Delphi Corp., Automation Alley and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. For more information on SpaceForm visit www.spaceformtech.com.

About EWI: Based in Columbus, Ohio, EWI is North America’s leading engineering and technology organization dedicated to welding and materials joining. EWI’s staff provides materials joining assistance, contract research, consulting services, and training to over 3,300 member company locations representing world-class leaders in the aerospace, automotive, defense, energy, government, heavy manufacturing, medical, and electronics industries. For more information, please visit www.ewi.org.