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Technic Engineered Powders Appoints Techno Alpha as Primary Distributor in Japan.

Woonsocket, Rhode Island, USA - <u>Technic's Engineered Powders Division</u> has announced the appointment of <u>Techno Alpha Company, Ltd.</u> as its primary distributor in Japan. Gary P. Hemphill, Vice President and General Manager of Technic's Engineered Powders Division stated, "with our partners, Techno Alpha Company Ltd., we will be in a much-improved position to have a unified approach to the Japanese markets." Techno Alpha is a distributor of high tech equipment and materials to the electronics industries. Technic, Inc. recently finished a substantial increase in its Silver Powder manufacturing capacity. Also, due to the strength of various markets, particularly photovoltaic, several projects have been initiated to increase manufacturing capacity even further.

About Technic's Engineered Powders Division

Technic's Engineered Powders Division (previously Handy& Harman's Chemical Products Group) has been manufacturing Silver Powders and Flakes for over 50 years and has introduced major innovations through the years:

- Differentiation of trace element chemistry for front and backside PV paste.
- First high capacity commercialization of high tap density, spherical Silver Powders for PV paste.
- First high capacity commercialization of submicron Silver Powders as sintering aid or rheology enhancer for PV paste.
- First commercialization of a true alloy Sliver/Palladium flake for electronic paste.

About Technic

Technic Inc. is a Rhode Island based, privately held corporation with over 900 employees worldwide. For more than 70 years, Technic has been a global supplier of specialty chemicals, custom finishing equipment, engineered powders, and analytical control systems to the electronic component, printed circuit board, semiconductor, solar, industrial finishing and decorative industries.

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