



APPLIED SEALS NORTH AMERICA BOLSTERS ENGINEERING AND APPLICATIONS SERVICES IN SILICON VALLEY WITH ADDITION OF DESIGN ENGINEER

NEWARK, Calif., October 25, 2010 – [Applied Seals North America, Inc.](#), a supplier of perfluoroelastomer sealing products used in ultraclean manufacturing of nanoelectronics and biomedical products, has strengthened its engineering and applications capabilities at its Silicon Valley headquarters with the hiring of design engineer Wei Chen.

Chen joins the company’s product engineering team to provide additional technical expertise in identifying customers’ sealing needs and designing reliable, cost-effective solutions. Collaborating with parent company GMORS in Taiwan, Chen also will work to increase the reach of Applied Seals’ Perfrez™ products in the North American semiconductor, photovoltaic, pharmaceutical and chemicals markets and to identify new market opportunities.

“With Wei’s hiring, we continue to bridge our global applications center in Silicon Valley with our manufacturing operations in Taiwan,” said Dalia Vernikovsky, president and general manager of Applied Seals North America. “Increasing the engineering expertise at our California facility improves our ability to design and implement the optimal sealing solutions for our customers.”

Chen brings to Applied Seals his experience in high-vacuum valve design, testing and failure analysis for semiconductor and solar applications, which he gained working at SMC Corporation of America, a provider of pneumatic products for the automation industry. Chen is a certified fluid power pneumatic specialist, solid modeling specialist and geometric dimensioning and tolerancing technologist. He earned his master of science degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University.

About Applied Seals North America

Applied Seals sells and supports a range of sealing products used to create and maintain the integrity of ultraclean manufacturing environments. Seals are used within virtually all production equipment used in processing semiconductors, solar panels, pharmaceuticals, ultrapure chemicals and other high-technology products. Prescribing the optimal seal for each application has been shown to increase manufacturing uptime, boosting production capacities without the expense of adding capital equipment. Applied Seals is dedicated to educating users about the performance attributes and correct applications of perfluoroelastomer (FFKM) seals to optimize the fit and lifetime of these products. More information is available at www.appliedsealsna.com

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