

## **ATMI LIFE SCIENCES AND PIERRE GUERIN JOIN FORCES TO CREATE A COMPLETE RANGE OF DISPOSABLE BIOREACTORS**

Hoegaarden, Belgium — May 15, 2006 — Hoegaarden-based ATMI Life Sciences and the French company Pierre Guerin-SAS jointly announced today an alliance to design, manufacture, and market a full line of disposable fermentors and bioreactors.

The arrangement will combine ATMI Life Sciences' ultra-clean film manufacturing expertise and single-use mixing technology with Pierre Guerin's expertise in the design and manufacture of fermentors and bioreactors, related control equipment, and software.

ATMI Life Sciences product line Managing Director, Mario Philips, said, "Our initial focus has been to establish our scalable single-use mixing technology. Now, in our alliance with Pierre Guerin, we are extending our mixing technology platform to fermentation and cell culture applications. Combining ATMI Life Sciences' expertise in plastic film production and single-use mixing technology with Pierre Guerin's advanced technology in cell culture and fermentor control systems will bring truly scalable fermentor & bioreactor solutions to biopharmaceutical companies."

Doru Felezeu, Sales & Marketing Director of Pierre Guerin-Biolafitte, said, "There is a large demand for well-designed, high quality equipment. Biotechnology companies are searching for comprehensive validation documentation and strong aftermarket service. We'll be able to provide customers customized as well as off-the-shelf solutions

Rutger VanDiest, Product Manager, ATMI Life Sciences said, “The benefits of single use solutions include reduced costs and shortened downtime and turnaround for our customers because no cleaning is required. Our proprietary mixing system has a paddle that is integrated into the bag so that the paddle never comes in contact with the material in the reactor and provides excellent mixing for cell culture and fermentation.”

### **About Pierre Guerin Biolafitte**

Known worldwide for the quality of its equipment, innovative R&D activities, and manufacturing capabilities, the company is one of the world leaders in the design and production of bioprocess vessels, bioreactors and fermentors. For more information about Pierre Guerin, contact Doru Felezeu, +33 683 840 049 or visit the company’s website at [www.pierreguerin.com](http://www.pierreguerin.com).

### **ABOUT ATMI’s PACKAGING PRODUCTS**

ATMI’s Packaging product line is the source for process efficiency and a leader in smart and active materials handling for the global semiconductor industry.

ATMI has recently established a product line under an ATMI Life Sciences banner focused on biopharmaceutical applications with flexible, film-based packaging products ranging from single-use mixing and storage vessels to ultraclean sterile containers. Further information can be found at <http://www.atmi-lifesciences.com>.

Delivering high quality materials-handling solutions, ATMI applies Radio Frequency Identification (“RFID”) technology with enhanced safety and

functionality to increase the mobility of complex chemistries. Focused on the chemical supplier, semiconductor equipment supplier, and chipmakers, its products and technologies are used worldwide by semiconductor and flat panel display companies. Recognized for its innovative NOWPak containers and its critical materials management solutions, ATMI develops products that enhance yields and lower costs.

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