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GEL-PAK EXPANDS POSITION IN GROWING PHOTONICS MARKET DURING FIRST QUARTER

Gel-Pak Provides Innovative Device Carrier Products to the Semiconductor, Photonics, and Medical Device Markets

HAYWARD, CA, APRIL 14, 2017: Gel-Pak®, a division of Delphon and leading manufacturer of device carrier products announces a >20 % growth in sales to customers in the photonics industry during the first quarter of 2017. Gel-Pak's device carriers protect fragile photonic components during shipping, handling and processing. The increase in sales is driven by the industry's growing demand for photonic-enabled components and modules that enable 100G datacenters.

The growing demand for Internet services, the social-media explosion and constant collection of "big data" has put increased pressure on data centers to migrate towards the 100G infrastructure. Photonic components such as lasers, die, optical filters, gratings, etc. are necessary to support the expanded infrastructure. Gel-Pak's unique ability to protect these fragile components ensure they will remain free from damage during processing and transport. The

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company's assortment of product configurations and ability to customize device carriers for specific applications make Gel-Pak an ideal choice for photonic device handling.

Background:

Founded in 1980, Gel-Pak has developed a line of proprietary gel and polymer coated device carriers and handling materials that offer solutions for applications where damage during handling must be avoided. The company's unique elastomer technology serves as the basis of its Gel-Box™, Gel-Tray®, Gel-Film®, and patented Vacuum Release products. These products effectively immobilize devices during shipping and handling. For further information on Gel-Pak's product line, please refer to the website at www.gelpak.com.

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