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Piezocryst and Virginia Beach Sensors enter a Co-operation on Thin Film Monitoring Sensors

Piezocryst Advanced Sensorics GmbH and Virginia Beach Sensors LLC today announced that they have entered into a broad collaboration arrangement on thin film monitoring equipment. This co-operation will combine the strengths of both companies to one center of excellence developing superior solutions to the surface coating community. As first products new thin film sensors for high temperature coating processes are offered, that enable monitoring of layer thicknesses at temperature levels that can hardly be addressed today. This new technology will help cutting production costs and increase process efficiency in almost any high temperature coating process including molecular beam epitaxy, chemical vapor deposition and sputtering.

Piezocryst contributes its unique gallium phosphate crystal technology and its know-how in high temperature sensors, whereas *Virginia Beach Sensors* adds its specific application know-how and the marketing expertise to this partnership. The companies will partner in a way that Piezocryst develops and manufactures high temperature resonators and sensors while Virginia Beach Sensors takes the exclusive responsibility for the worldwide marketing of the sensing devices.

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