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Matheson Tri-Gas and Gelest Join Together To Support Growing Demand for High-Purity Germane

MORRISVILLE, Pa. (January 6, 2010) – Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. and Gelest, Inc. today announced they have entered into an agreement that provides for Matheson Tri-Gas to have exclusive rights to the global sales and marketing of high purity germane (GeH_4) to the electronics and photovoltaic industries and joint ventures to expand manufacturing of the product. The joint ventures would be in the key markets of Asia and the United States.

This collaboration combines the extensive technical and commercial capabilities of both companies to provide a quality product quickly, safely, reliably and cost-effectively. Gelest brings the synthesis and manufacturing expertise necessary to produce a high-purity, consistent product that meets the needs of the semiconductor and photovoltaic markets. Matheson Tri-Gas combines worldwide sales, marketing and logistics expertise with its leadership in high-purity specialty gases applications R&D purification, and analysis for the electronics sector to bring the product to market. Together, Matheson Tri-Gas and Gelest will meet the increased worldwide demand for high-purity GeH_4 .

Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. is a single source for industrial, medical, specialty and electronic gases, gas handling equipment, high performance purification systems, engineering and gas management services, and on-site gas generation with a mission to deliver

innovative solutions for global customer requirements. Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. is the largest subsidiary of the Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation Group, one of the top five suppliers of industrial, specialty, and electronics gases in the world.

Gelest, Inc., headquartered in Morrisville, Pennsylvania, is recognized worldwide as an innovator, manufacturer and supplier of commercial and research quantities of organosilicon compounds, metal-organic and specialty germanium compounds. Gelest serves advanced technology markets through a materials science-driven approach. The company provides focused technical development and application support for semiconductors, optical materials, pharmaceutical synthesis, diagnostics and separation science, and specialty polymeric materials.

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