



GG45 Alliance grows with IDEAL INDUSTRIES membership

12 January 2006 – The GG45 Alliance, dedicated to the promotion and development of the only standardised Category 7 connector with downward compatibility to RJ 45 in the German market, has gained a new member. IDEAL INDUSTRIES is now working alongside the founding companies, KERPEN, Nexans and TKM. With its expertise in the area of field measurement technology (including class Fa up to 1GHz), the company's contribution will further enhance the Alliance's capabilities. The platform allows the four companies to exchange technologies and raise awareness of GG45's importance and its various applications.

The GG45 Alliance was founded in 2005 and began public operations in October with an event to present and discuss the Category 7 cable from various perspectives. A representative of IDEAL INDUSTRIES gave a guest presentation on this occasion. The fact that competitors are actively engaging with each other, to set standards for GG45 together, has sparked a positive reaction in the industry. More events are planned for 2006, including one in Bingen on 26 September.

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KERPEN GmbH & Co. KG, Stolberg

As a leading company in the cable industry currently employing over 600 staff, KERPEN has been addressing the complex needs of international markets successfully for more than 80 years. The drive for further development is a central aspect of KERPEN's philosophy: Feet on the ground, eyes to the future! This enables the development of high-quality, innovative cable and cabling products that are always one step ahead of the current standards.

KERPEN provides customers in information technology with high-calibre cables and cabling systems in the LAN Office, LAN Industry, Citynetze/Telecom, and LAN Home market segments. KERPEN offers secure investments in the form of passive system solutions in copper and LWL technology.

Nexans Deutschland Industries GmbH & Co. KG, Mönchengladbach

Nexans Deutschland is one of Europe's leading cable producers. The company offers a wide range of high-performance cables, systems and components for the telecommunications and energy sectors. The portfolio is completed by superconducting materials and components, Cryoflex transfer systems and specialised machines for the cable industry. The company employs approx. 3,500 staff in Germany and abroad. Sales in 2004 were approx. EUR 785 million. Close cooperation within the Nexans Group allows Nexans Deutschland to benefit from great synergy in all Group divisions, from global projects to research and development to exchanging expertise.

TKM GmbH, Mönchengladbach

TKM GmbH has been dealing with intelligent networks since it was founded in 1986. The company manufactures all of its own passive components which are used in numerous network installations in Germany and abroad, as well as in the form of system and individual solutions.

With the new patch management system, FUTURE-PATCH®, which will soon be available with GG45 connection technology, TKM's entire spectrum of expertise can be applied to high-frequency, digital and transmission technology.

IDEAL INDUSTRIES GmbH, Ismaning (near Munich)

IDEAL INDUSTRIES is one of the world's largest manufacturers and suppliers of quality tools and measuring equipment for electrical installations and data communication markets. The company has been renowned as a producer of innovative and reliable products since 1916. IDEAL INDUSTRIES offers over 6,000 professional-standard products in the areas electrics, construction, maintenance, data and telecommunication, cable production and general productions industries. IDEAL INDUSTRIES is a private company based in Sycamore, Illinois with further production and sales locations in the US and Canada. International sales offices are located in Europe, China, Australia, Brazil and Mexico.