

PRESS RELEASE

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Heraeus Medical Components Opens New Campus

Heraeus Medical Components, one of the world's leading medical component manufacturers, will host a Grand Opening celebration for staff and community leaders on September 12, 2008, as it begins consolidation of five Minnesota facilities to a newly constructed, state-of-the art facility at 5030 Centerville Road, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Heraeus Medical Components North American Campus will consist of three phases of construction. Phase I has recently been completed. This 60,000 sq. ft. high-efficiency structure includes 22,000 sq. ft. of ISO Class 8 environmentally controlled manufacturing area where the company's wire coiling, plastic injection molding and clean room assembly services will be performed. Construction of Phase II will follow with an additional 50,000 sq. ft. manufacturing area which will include manufacturing of stamped metal housings, precision machining, and wire forming, straightening and grinding services. Phase III, an additional 50,000+ sq. ft. building, is planned for future growth.

"We are extremely excited to consolidate our five Minnesota manufacturing plants onto one campus. This not only brings our coworkers together in a beautiful setting but provides us the space to continue to grow the business" states Mark Kempf, President of Heraeus Medical Components, Inc.

Heraeus Medical Components, Inc., currently employs 350 at two buildings in Vadnais Heights and three buildings in Lino Lakes, Minnesota. The Heraeus Medical Components Senior Leadership Team strongly considered the commutes of these employees when selecting the 30-acre White Bear Township location. It is anticipated that upon completion of the strategic two-year consolidation plan, Heraeus Medical Components will be one of White Bear Township's largest employers.

Heraeus Medical Components, Inc., fka Heraeus Vadnais, Inc., is one of four business units making up the Medical Components Division of W. C. Heraeus GmbH. Other Medical Components Division facilities are located in Germany, Switzerland, and Puerto Rico. Heraeus Medical Components is a global developer and manufacturer of medical components and assemblies whose products are used in a broad range of interventional medical specialties. For more information, please visit: <http://www.heraeus-mcd.com>.

W. C. Heraeus, one of the managing companies within the Heraeus group, is a precious metals and technology company headquartered in Hanau, Germany. Heraeus a global, private company with over 155 years of tradition. Our businesses include precious metals, sensors, dental and medical products, quartz glass and specialty lighting sources. With product revenues of €3 billion and precious metal trading revenues of €9 billion, as well as over 11,000 employees in more than 100 companies worldwide, Heraeus holds a leading

position in its global markets.

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