



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **EJOT GmbH & Co. KG and ATF Inc. announce the opening of a new manufacturing and distribution plant in Mexico**

**San Luis Potosí, SLP (April 23rd, 2007).** EJOT GmbH & Co. KG (EJOT) from Bad Laasphe, Germany and ATF Inc. (ATF) from Lincolnwood IL, USA leading providers of engineered fasteners and cold headed products in Europe and North America respectively are proud to announce the opening of a new Joint Venture plant in Mexico to support their Mexican customers and meet growing local demand for engineered fasteners.

The new plant will be named EJOT and ATF Fasteners de Mexico S. en C.S (EAFM) and will be located at the Parque Industrial Millenium in San Luis Potosí, Mexico in a 3400 m2 (nearly 37,000 sq ft) building.

As a manufacturing and distribution facility, EAFM will offer a full range of adherent services such as sales support, customer service, quality assurance and applications laboratories. New production lines are soon to be set up and installation is expected to be completed by the end of June. The respective certification will take place right afterwards, as manufacturing at the new plant is scheduled to begin in July 2007.

Demand for local engineered fasteners is growing as local automotive customers are looking to reduce logistics costs by optimising their supply chain through local suppliers. EAFM chose the city of San Luis Potosi due to its strategic location in the heart of the country and along the 57 Highway also known as NAFTA highway. San Luis Potosi will also host the new GM plant scheduled to start operations in 2008 attracting other Tier 1 and 2 automotive companies to the region as well.

EAFM will be operated by a team of people from Mexico, Germany and the US who will bring experience and know how to the new company.

#### **About EJOT**

EJOT is a European leader in the production of fastening elements. The company supplies fasteners to customers in different industries, such as automotive, electronics, telecommunications but also in

the construction industry. EJOT is also a market leader in the development of innovative fastening technology resulting in successful patents like DELTA PT® (Threadforming fasteners for plastics), ALtracs® (Threadforming fasteners for light alloys), FDS® (Self piercing and extruding fastener for high strength sheet joints), SHEETtracs® (Self-tapping screw for thin sheets with pilot holes), EJOT® “boss” family and others.

EJOT has more than 20 distribution and manufacturing plants located in Europe as well as subsidiaries in North America and the Far East.

### **About ATF**

ATF produces engineered fasteners for diverse automotive applications such as interiors, exterior, lighting, mirrors and others. ATF also produces high-tolerance, complex shape cold headed products and assemblies for critical and safety automotive applications such as brakes, suspension, steering, doors and under hood.

ATF is a North American licensee of DELTA PT®, ALtracs®, EJOT® “boss” family and others.

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