

VUE Audiotechnik Announces Multi-Year Development Partnership with Materion Electrofusion

VUE Audiotechnik to deliver high performance transducers based on Materion Electrofusion's Truextent® brand acoustic beryllium

San Diego, CA (April 11, 2012) – Following their recent launch at the Pro Light & Sound expo in Frankfurt, VUE Audiotechnik today announced a development partnership with Materion Electrofusion, the world's leading supplier of genuine beryllium and other advanced materials for high-end acoustic applications.

VUE Audiotechnik and Materion are collaborating on a family of high frequency diaphragms utilizing Materion's Truextent® brand of acoustic beryllium. Extremely stiff and lightweight, beryllium offers a unique combination of properties that dramatically reduce mechanical deformation (breakup), shifting the resonant frequencies inherent in more conventional materials outside the audible range.

VUE Audiotechnik's unique application of beryllium will first appear in a family of 4-inch down to 1-inch HF transducers—all delivering significantly lower HF distortion at higher outputs than the most advanced titanium or aluminum solutions available today.

"Materion shares our commitment to expanding the boundaries of loudspeaker performance through the application of advanced technologies at all levels," explains Ken Berger, CEO of VUE Audiotechnik. "Their Truextent beryllium is the result of significant research and development efforts to move beyond the limitations of more traditional materials. We're extremely excited to deliver this technology and its unique performance advantages to VUE customers."

VUE Audiotechnik's proprietary beryllium-based compression drivers will be the "crown jewels" in a range of premier loudspeakers debuting as early as this Spring. At the same time, Materion and VUE are also exploring future applications of beryllium, including its benefits beyond HF reproduction alone.

"We've been looking for a development partner to bring our technology to the sound reinforcement market worldwide with the right combination of fresh thinking, nimble manufacturing, and a global distribution network," remarked Steve Willenborg, Truextent Product Manager at Materion Electrofusion. "VUE Audiotechnik is the perfect partner to showcase Truextent acoustic beryllium through the development and deployment of a wide range of professional loudspeaker systems that greatly exceed current performance benchmarks."

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About VUE Audiotechnik

VUE Audiotechnik is a California-based designer, manufacturer and marketer for professional audio systems for a broad range of sound reinforcement applications including: touring sound, theatre, club sound, portable PA, houses of worship and commercial audio. A truly global company with a local feel, VUE Audiotechnik is committed to achieving the absolute highest level of loudspeaker performance through a "real-world" design philosophy utilizing advanced technologies and manufacturing techniques, all backed by an unwavering commitment to support, service and long-term relationships.

About Materion Electrofusion

Materion Electrofusion is a business of Materion Corporation. Based in Fremont, California, Materion Electrofusion supplies high-purity beryllium components to the acoustics market. It operates a manufacturing facility in Fremont with sales and distribution sites in Europe and Asia. Materion Corporation,

through its wholly owned subsidiaries, supplies highly engineered advanced enabling materials to global markets. Products include precious and non-precious specialty metals, inorganic chemicals and powders, specialty coatings, specialty engineered beryllium alloys, beryllium and beryllium composites, and engineered clad and plated metal systems. Headquartered in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, the Company serves customers in more than 50 countries. It has operating, service center and major office locations throughout North America, Europe and Asia, and employs approximately 3,000 people worldwide.

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