

# News Release

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## **Hitachi High-Tech Group to Lead Japanese Distribution of The Kurt J. Lesker Company®'s Thin Film Deposition System PRO Line™ PVD 75™ and PVD 200™**

**Schaumburg, Illinois, January 22, 2020** – Hitachi High Technologies America, Inc. (CEO: Craig Kerkove, “HTA”), a subsidiary of Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation (TSE: 8036, “Hitachi High-Tech”), announced that HTA has made an agreement with Kurt J. Lesker Company (CEO: Kurt J. Lesker IV, “Kurt J. Lesker”) for HTA and affiliated companies in the Hitachi High-Tech Group to serve as the exclusive distributor in Japan for Kurt J. Lesker’s PRO Line™ PVD 75™ Thin Film Deposition System and PRO Line™ PVD 200™ Thin Film Deposition System. Information regarding the systems is currently available to Hitachi High-Tech Group’s customers in Japan.

In the rechargeable battery and flexible device markets, demand has been increasing for products such as smartphones and wearable devices. Therefore, new displays, high-performance films, and other such technologies have entered commercialization, and the market continues to expand. Manufacturers’ research and development (R&D) teams will need a thin film deposition process for development of these types of devices or applications, and Kurt J. Lesker’s Thin Film Deposition Systems can support those efforts.

Kurt J. Lesker is a leading global provider of high-quality vacuum equipment and offers extensive knowledge in the manufacturing of thin film deposition systems for R&D applications as well as production. The Hitachi High-Tech Group strives to improve technological innovation and will offer support for R&D and manufacturing processes for customers who require thin film deposition processes, targeting rechargeable battery and flexible device markets.

### **About Hitachi High Technologies America, Inc.**

Hitachi High Technologies America, Inc. (“HTA”) is a privately-owned global affiliate company that operates within the Hitachi Group Companies. HTA sells and services semiconductor manufacturing equipment, analytical instrumentation, scientific instruments, and bio-related

products as well as industrial equipment, electronic devices, and electronic and industrial materials. For more information on Hitachi High Technologies America, Inc., please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi-hightech.com/us>.

**About Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation**

Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation, headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is engaged in activities in a broad range of fields, including Analytical & Medical Solutions (manufacture and sales of clinical analyzers, biotechnology products, and analytical instruments), Nano-Technology Solutions (manufacture and sales of semiconductor manufacturing equipment and analysis equipment), and Industrial Solutions (providing high value-added solutions in fields of social & industrial infrastructures and mobility, etc.). The company's consolidated revenues for FY 2018 were approx. JPY 731.1 billion [USD 6.6 billion]. For further information, visit <http://www.hitachi-hightech.com/global/>

**About Kurt J. Lesker Company**

The Kurt J. Lesker Company (KJLC®), is a dynamic, rapidly growing manufacturer and distributor of thin film deposition systems and components for the vacuum technology market. KJLC has locations across North America, Europe, and Asia serving as a global supplier to industries, universities, and government laboratories. They offer products and technologies that are used for various research and production applications, including: semiconductor manufacturing, automotive coatings, night vision goggles, LED lighting, and solar cells. KJLC's world headquarters, including sales, manufacturing and warehousing facilities, are located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For more information on Kurt J. Lesker Company, please visit the company's website at <https://www.lesker.com/index.cfm>

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