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AP Labs, Inc. Launches the Supplier Excellence Alliance Lean Enterprise System

Irvine, California – August 10, 2009 – **AP Labs Inc.**, located in San Diego, California, is launching the implementation of the **Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)** Lean Enterprise System.

The Lean Enterprise System (LES) is the continuous improvement system developed by aerospace, defense, and space suppliers. The LES helps suppliers build new capabilities that will enable them to better support the emerging needs of their customers. The LES also builds a culture where lean production principles and standard work are applied throughout the organization to ensure sustained improvements in delivery and quality while reducing lead times and cost.

AP Labs is a premier supplier of rugged enclosures, real-time and integrated system solutions for the defense and commercial aerospace markets. AP Labs provides a single point of contact for design, manufacture, test and support of complex turnkey solutions and specializes in the development and manufacture of rugged systems for embedded computer applications that require a COTS approach.

Founded in 1985, AP Labs has developed a reputation for successfully providing customers with products and capabilities designed to reduce project schedule, risk and cost. AP Labs systems and enclosures are deployed on submarines, surface ships, aircraft (manned & unmanned) and ground vehicles.

According to John Goode Jr., AP Lab's President, *"We believe the SEA Lean Enterprise System is the perfect vehicle for our mission, providing us with a total organizational approach to continuous process improvements, strategic supply chain alliances, and focused growth in our core competencies."*

SEA is the non-profit alliance of aerospace and defense prime and tier-one contractors and leading sub-tier suppliers organized to transform the global supply chain. Prime-empowered and supplier-led, SEA seeks to accelerate the performance of small and mid-sized production suppliers.

SEA member companies represented on its board include The Boeing Company, Esterline Corporation, United Technologies, Inc, Parker Aerospace, Rockwell Collins, Honeywell Aerospace, Dresser- Rand Group, Roberts Tool Company, Photo Etch Company, and DRS Technologies.

SEA partners and alliances include Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG), Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC), California Council for Excellence and California Space Authority.

To learn more, visit the SEA website at <http://www.seaonline.org>.