

PRESS RELEASE

Brush Wellman's Electronic Packaging Products Group and RJR Polymers Form Strategic Partnership

February 25, 2000 - Brush Wellman Inc. (NYSE-BW), Electronic Packaging Products Group based in Newburyport, MA. has formed a strategic partnership with RJR Polymers of Oakland, CA. The purpose of this partnership is to supply the wireless industry with a complete electronic packaging solution.

RJR Polymers, Inc. is a leader in the design and production of preapplied epoxy lids and lid sealing equipment for electronic air cavity package's. Brush Wellman is a leader in RF, microwave & mm-wave packaging. This strategic partnership means customers will be able to have packages and lids which are optimized to work with each other. Additionally, cycle times for the design of new packages will be dramatically reduced.

"Partnering with RJR affords our customers the opportunity to accelerate their product development cycle and minimize purchasing time. RJR Polymers' proven product capabilities offer a complimentary solution to our package design", said Bob Pomerleau, General Manager of the Newburyport facility. "In addition, because the packages and lids are designed as a system with RJR's sealing equipment we are able to guarantee sealing yields as high as 99.9%"

Details of the partnership are available by contacting Brush Wellman's Sales Engineering group at 1-800-735-6643.

Brush Wellman Inc, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, and its subsidiaries, supply worldwide markets with Electronic Products, Beryllium Products, Alloy Products, Precious Metal Products and Engineered Material Systems.