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FLEXITALLIC BECOMES FIRST TO UPGRADE STANDARD GRAPHITE MATERIAL

HOUSTON (Aug. 10, 2015) – The Flexitallic Group (Flexitallic), an international leading manufacturer and supplier of high quality, high value industrial static sealing products, has announced the upgrade of its US-standard graphite material to Flexicarb SEL.

Flexitallic is the first industrial sealing manufacturer to commit to standardize on a higher grade of graphite. Compared with traditional graphite materials, Flexicarb SEL delivers more than 50 percent improvement in oxidation resistance. The consistently lower sulfur and heavy metals of this sealing material will positively impact the long-term sealing and continued integrity of graphite material, thus improving customer operations.

Although it is often the smallest spend in the bolted connection, quality gaskets can provide the highest rate of return for customers in improved performance. The combination of Flexitallic's installation training and application engineering efforts makes gaskets a competitive advantage for customers looking to reduce emissions and meet extended duty cycles.

"The introduction of this new standard graphite in the US demonstrates Flexitallic's commitment to providing a safe environment at the bolted connection," said Jerry L. Lastovica, president of Flexitallic. "This product upgrade is part of our dedication to innovation, ensuring that we provide our customers with the best sealing materials to solve their most demanding needs."

Flexicarb SEL will be utilized in the US for all Flexitallic standard and special spiral-wound gaskets and kammprofiles. Flexitallic has begun integrating this material into its manufacturing operations in Houston and expects full integration by the end of 2015.

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The Flexitallic Group is the international market leader in the manufacture and supply of high quality, high value industrial static sealing products. Headquartered in Houston, Flexitallic global network of manufacturing facilities, manufacturing licensees and distribution network includes more than 750 distributors in 30 countries to ensure that local demand is met quickly, with a combination of the highest product quality and customer service.

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