

Tualatin, Oregon-based SemiTorr acquires Walker Hi-Tech, Inc.

Portland, OR – Tualatin-based distributor SemiTorr Group, Inc. (www.semitorrinc.com) today announced that it has acquired Walker Hi-Tech, Inc. (www.walkerhi-tech.com), headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Walker Hi-Tech will continue to operate under the Walker Hi-Tech name in the southwest region (NM, CO and AZ).

Throughout its 25 year history, SemiTorr has achieved significant organic growth through its effective customer service, best-in-class product offering, and its world-class, technical sales team. Walker Hi-Tech brings a similar service and best-in-class orientation to its business and, combined with SemiTorr, will be the leading distributor of high purity, industrial and bio pharm products in the southwest region.

Mike Frank, SemiTorr's President, will continue to serve as president overseeing the integration and on-going operations of the two businesses. "We believe the combination of our geographic footprint serving the U.S. and our focus on technical sales provides a unique platform upon which our distribution business can continue to grow and thrive."

Michael Walker, Walker Hi-Tech's President, said, "I think this acquisition makes sense on a number of levels. Together, SemiTorr and Walker will be positioned to grow this business in a way that has not been possible to date. The breadth, scalability and complementary nature of our respective businesses are significant." Mike Walker will continue as Vice President of Sales supporting the southwest region. Stephen James will serve as Vice President of Sales supporting the Bio Pharm and Food & Beverage industries.

SemiTorr Group, Inc. (www.semitorrinc.com) was founded in 1988. Originally serving the Pacific Northwest, SemiTorr expanded to support a wide array of markets throughout the United States. SemiTorr currently has six distribution centers in Livermore, CA., Chandler, AZ., Tualatin, OR., Albany NY., Allentown, PA., and Lehi, UT.. For more information, call 503-682-7052 (Portland, OR.).

Walker Hi-Tech, Inc. (www.walkerhi-tech.com) was originally founded in 1997. Walker Hi-Tech, Inc., is a high purity gas and fluids components distributor with distribution centers in Albuquerque, NM., Chandler, AZ., and Denver, CO. Having serviced the high purity market segment since its inception, Walker Hi-Tech has developed a level of sales and service expertise that is unmatched in the southwest.