

## **\*Plasma-Therm Opens a New Nextral Product Line Engineering Center\***

Plasma-Therm, global supplier of plasma process equipment, announced today the opening of a sales and service center in Grenoble, France to support the Nextral product line. The new facility will act as a technical support location, training center and offer upgrade and retrofit demonstrations to Nextral equipment users worldwide.

Product support will be provided by a team of knowledgeable service engineers. As a training center, the Nextral facility will provide up-to-date equipment training. Customers will also be able to view demonstrations of equipment upgrades and enhancements that will extend both production capabilities and the lifetime of installed equipment.

“The Nextral Engineering Center will enhance our ability to provide quality support to our valued customers worldwide,” stated Steve Brown, Managing Director of Plasma-Therm Europe. “This sales and service center will give us the opportunity to make sure that Nextral products remain a valuable tool for established users.”

“In response to consistent customer demand, we are happy to expand our service and support organization to direct focus on this product line,” said Abdul Lateef, Chief Executive Officer of Plasma-Therm. “We continue to expand our organization during this difficult economic environment, reinforcing our commitment to excellence in customer focus.”

Founded in 1983, Nextral built a strong global install base with its Etch, PECVD and RTP systems which was acquired and fully integrated into Plasma-Therm. The Nextral product line is supported through Plasma-Therm’s network of 13 service and support centers throughout Europe and Asia. For questions regarding the Nextral product line, service or support, please contact [Nextral@PlasmaThermEurope.com](mailto:Nextral@PlasmaThermEurope.com) <<mailto:Nextral@PlasmaThermEurope.com>> or at +33-4-76-44-29-68.

Plasma-Therm, founded in 1974, is a supplier of advanced plasma process equipment that caters to various specialty markets including photomask, solid state lighting, thin film head and compound semiconductor. Plasma-Therm offers both dry etch & PECVD technologies. To meet the diverse needs of our global customer base, Plasma-Therm has sales, service and spares locations throughout North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific.

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