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Egide exceeds 50 000 packages manufactured for a single application PathFindIR™

Egide, the only major player totally dedicated to the protection and the networking of electronic and optical chips by hermetic encapsulation and European leader in the domain, announces it has produced more than 50 000 hermetic packages for a single application: the infrared camera PathFindIR™ from Flir Systems, and so achieving a sector record.

Philippe Bregi, Egide's Chairman and CEO comments: *"Thanks to its experience in the Electronic Defense sector, Egide has acquired a world-wide reputation as supplier of hermetic packages for infrared detectors and is now a benchmark for suppliers in this domain. With regard to automotive devices, these applications are just in their early stages. In this context, Egide is the sole player to combine the reactivity of co-designed upstream services with the mastering of all these processes with know-how, an expertise and a reactivity, which have helped built its reputation. FLIR Systems chose Egide for these reasons as well as the fact that its industrial capability is adapted to these new technological challenges."*

Egide: an expert on all technologies in the hermetic packages sector

This package, developed from its industrial plant in Bollène (France), requires the HTTC technology (High Temperature Cofired Ceramic), an area of excellence for EGIDE, the sole European producer of such products, as well as ceramic-metal sealing and some particular plating.

Extremely complex, this package required a close collaboration between Egide and its client, Indigo Systems, a Flir subsidiary, and is one of the key parts of the micro bolometer, heart of the infrared camera PathFindIR™.

More and more high-tech products in the automotive industry

The ongoing focus on road safety requires the utilization of high-tech products in the automotive industry. Therefore, the infrared camera has yet found large outlets in all those applications where the night vision system contributes to a higher security: trains, ambulances, trucks, and even up-market cars.

Egide manufactures packages for anti-collision systems (ACC or Adaptive Cruise Control) and for infrared detection used in low visibility driving conditions (fog, night, rain ...). Egide's technical abilities enable to provide the components required for these safety devices which are derived from high-end military systems.

About Egide

Egide SA is a European group with an international reach, specializing in the manufacture of hermetic packages for sensitive electronic components. The group operates in high tech markets such as Space, Defense, Aeronautics, Telecommunications, Automotive and Medical. Egide is the only dedicated global player and has manufacturing facilities in France, the US, Great Britain and Morocco.

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