

Press release

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MRL Industries, Inc. changes its name to Sandvik Thermal Process, Inc.

The Californian-based company MRL Industries Inc., a world-leading company in the areas of semiconductor and solar industry-related products, has changed its name to Sandvik Thermal Process Inc.

MRL was acquired by Sandvik in 1999 but has until now been operating under its own name. Sandvik Thermal Process is now taking the next step in this development, making it even clearer that the company and its products are a part of Sandvik. MRL will still be used as a product trademark for parts of Sandvik's semiconductor and solar industry-related heating products.

For customers the change is marginal although the customer contacts can now be found at Sandviks Material Technology's representatives in 130 countries.

Sandvik Thermal Process Inc. (STP) offers a variety of solar cell and semiconductor atmospheric and LPCVD horizontal furnaces and processing components from wet oxidation external torch systems to LPCVD flange sealing assemblies. These in-house manufactured products are used in the generation of solar cells and semiconductor devices. Sandvik Thermal Process Inc. is located in Sonora, California. The Sonora facility houses manufacturing, marketing, engineering, R&D, sales and support to service the worldwide customer base. STP's solar equipment product line includes the horizontal diffusion furnaces and in-line furnaces.

Sandvik Group

The Sandvik Group is a global high-technology enterprise with 44,000 employees in 130 countries. Sandvik's operations are concentrated on three core businesses: Sandvik Tooling, Sandvik Mining and Construction and Sandvik Materials Technology – areas in which the group holds leading global positions in selected niches.

Sandvik Materials Technology

Sandvik Materials Technology is a world-leading manufacturer of high value-added products in advanced stainless steels and special alloys, and of medical implants, steel belt-based systems and industrial heating solutions.

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