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## **3M Electronic Solutions and Arrow Electronics Sign Global Distribution Agreement**

**AUSTIN, Texas – May 16, 2008** – 3M Electronic Solutions Division recently announced it has extended its distribution agreement with Arrow Electronics to include the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific.

The extension of the global distribution agreement is focused on the 3M ESD electronic components segment, which includes connectors, cable, cable assembly solutions and related electronic components. These products meet the demanding needs of the electronics industry across a wide range of applications in the computer and peripheral, communication equipment, military and aerospace, industrial machinery, medical and instrumentation markets.

Based in Melville, N.Y., Arrow Electronics is a global provider of products, services and solutions to industrial and commercial users of electronic components and enterprise computing systems. Arrow serves as a channel partner for approximately 700 suppliers and 140,000 original equipment manufacturers, contract manufacturers and commercial customers through a global network of more than 300 locations in 50 countries and territories.

“By extending our global distribution agreement with Arrow Electronics, 3M is extending the global reach of a recognized and trusted brand,” said Frank Little, vice president and general manager, 3M Electronic Solutions Division. “With Arrow Electronics’ expertise in local markets, we can extend our global reach with a local handshake, offering superior logistical capabilities and innovative services to even more customers.”

"Arrow is proud to have offered 3M products to our customers in North America and Europe, and we are delighted now to be expanding our relationship to include all of

Asia,” said Mike Calabria, vice president of PEMCO (passive, electromechanical and connector) marketing and product management in Arrow’s North American Components business. “With the addition of 3M in Asia, Arrow can provide its customers globally with what we believe is an unmatched product portfolio of interconnect solutions and global distribution services.”

Financial details were not disclosed.

### **About 3M Electronic Solutions Division**

3M Electronic Solutions Division offers innovative solutions to the electronics market, such as copper interconnect systems; cables and cable assemblies; carrier and cover tapes and trays; flexible circuits; embedded capacitor materials; static control products, and Textool brand test and burn-in sockets.

### **About 3M**

A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M’s core strength is applying its more than 40 distinct technology platforms – often in combination – to a wide array of customer needs. With \$24 billion in sales, 3M employs 75,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 60 countries. For more information, visit <http://www.3M.com>.

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