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### SGE to Commercialize Diamond-like Coating Technology

SGE Analytical Science is pleased to have been awarded a grant from the Victorian State Government to help develop a new diamond-like coating technology. The grant will assist SGE become the first Australian company to commercialize this enabling technology.

The low friction, highly durable coating will prolong product life and create improved functionality. SGE Chairman Peter Dawes says the technology has wide application across a range of new and future products. He estimates the technology will contribute \$7.7million to global company sales and will ultimately create up to 50 new jobs at the company's Ringwood manufacturing facility.

With the announcement of the grant, development of the Diamond-like Coating enabling technology can now move ahead with installation of necessary equipment early next year with product development and testing expected by July 2011. The technology development is part of SGE's continued commitment to innovation that that will allow the company to continue to bring new technologies and solutions to the scientific community.

#### *What is Diamond-like coating technology?*

Diamond-like coating technology, or 'plasma activated high frequency vacuum deposition' and was originally developed in the US. The coating has low friction and is extremely durable. The technology will be commercialized by SGE in conjunction with the CSIRO.

#### *About SGE Analytical Science*

SGE Analytical Science is now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year as a company since its founders established Scientific Glass Engineering in Melbourne, Australia. Today, SGE has two modern facilities engaged in developing and manufacturing Chromatography, Mass Spectrometry and Analytical Products. The company employs over 400 people and has a global distribution and support network. SGE is proud that all major analytical science instrument manufacturers rely on and incorporate SGE manufactured components in their systems. SGE has a commitment to quality and is an ISO9001 accredited company. SGE is heavily committed to ongoing research and development that will allow the company to continue to bring innovative technologies and solutions to the scientific community.

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