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News Release: Plasma-Therm Celebrates One Year Anniversary

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St. Petersburg, FL -- Plasma-Therm LLC, located in St. Petersburg, celebrated its one year anniversary last Friday with Florida Governor Charlie Crist and St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster. Plasma-Therm reported positive financial results for FY 2009.

"I congratulate Plasma-Therm on their first anniversary and for their success creating jobs for the people of Florida," said Governor Crist. "Florida's brightest days are ahead of us. By working together, we are creating the opportunity for unparalleled prosperity."

"Our first anniversary celebration as an independent company coincides with the 35th anniversary of Plasma-Therm being in business. Our commitment to our customers and technology has remained our core focus throughout the evolution of Plasma-Therm," stated Abdul Lateef, CEO of Plasma-Therm. "We are grateful for the support provided by city, county and state officials to small business growth, especially during a struggling economy. This support has allowed us the chance to maintain key technology development and the related high value jobs in the U.S."

Plasma-Therm, Inc. was originally founded in March 1975. In 2000, Plasma-Therm was sold to Unaxis, a large Swiss industrial conglomerate which later re-branded to Oerlikon. In January 2009, Plasma-Therm went through a management buyout to separate from Oerlikon. The buyout was made possible through government support like the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) tax incentive program, a program supported by Governor Crist as part of Florida's strategic economic development platform.

In addition to Governor Crist and Mayor Foster, Pinellas County Commission Chair Karen Seel, Commissioner Calvin Harris, Commissioner Neil Brickfield and St. Petersburg Councilmember Bill Dudley were present at the celebration.

Plasma-Therm is a U.S. manufacturer of advanced plasma process equipment that caters to specialty semiconductor markets including solid state lighting, thin film head, solar, MEMS and compound semiconductor. Plasma-Therm offers both dry etch and PECVD technologies. To meet the diverse

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needs of our global customer base, Plasma-Therm has sale and service locations throughout North America, Europe and Asia-Pacific.

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