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We are proud to announce that the Italian multinational Agrati Group, a major European company in the fasteners industry for more than 70 years and the American company Semblex Corporation, a fastener manufacturer and engineering resource located in Elmhurst, Illinois, have made a global alliance to provide fastener solutions and cold-formed special products for top OEM and component suppliers with global locations.

The alliance has the objective to combine two supplier teams in order to provide global customers with a single source for technical, quality, and logistics support.

Local engineering support, local quality response and local sales support to purchasing, as well as “in-country” inventory, material planning, and other logistics support for customer plants in all three regions are granted for customer plants in Europe, North America, and Asia.

Agrati and Semblex share the same values of excellence, quality and innovation, together with the team work, on an international scale.

The alliance allows selected customers to:

- Have a synergy on design and application solutions between Europe and Asia (Agrati) and North America (Semblex)
- Compare technical specifications to European, Asian and American standards to ensure common global part design
- Receive applications, part testing, and validation support in Europe, Asia (Agrati) and North America (Semblex)
- Have sample availability in Europe, Asia and North America
- Make cost-reduction programs coordinated in Europe, Asia and North America
- Take advantage of a strong, synchronized supplier team supporting USA purchasing and engineering teams in Europe, Asia and North America
- Optimize logistics and control shipping costs through the presence of in-country inventory, materials planning, and customer service regardless of where in the world the customer plant is located.

### **Agrati Group**

A. Agrati S.p.A was founded in Italy in 1939 by the Agrati family. After 70 years AGRATI GROUP FASTENING SYSTEMS is today an international company which provides leading fastening technology all over the world with a main focus on automotive application with 350 mio euro turnover in 2011, 1700 employees in 11 plants around the world.

Headquartered in Veduggio (North Italy), Agrati is one of the largest European suppliers of screws, bolts and nuts, with a complete product range covering complex and critical applications.

Other entities in the Group are:

*AGRATI FRANCE* is a leading supplier for automotive industry in France.

*AGRATI AFP-CVB* specialized in advanced formed parts produced by the combination of complex cold forging technology and high precision mechanical operations.

*YAF* located in Yantai, Laishan District, China, along with sales and technical offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Changsha and Changchun with the aim to support the automotive customers from commercial, technical and quality point of view. In the new plant in China all the equipment follows European standards in order to ensure the same quality and technical levels of excellence.

*AGRATI FSP*, Service and logistic full service provider of fasteners solutions. Able to manage complex logistic realities, with personalized supply projects and a very wide range of products, kit and packaging.

### **Semblex Corporation**

Semblex Corporation, founded in 1968, has grown from a manufacturer of standard, small diameter fasteners at a single facility, to an expansive organization providing innovative fastening solutions and complex, cold-formed specialty components. Semblex now operates four plants at its Elmhurst campus with about 200 employees. Its team of highly-skilled engineers serves an array of world class customers with an exceptional level of technical support.

Semblex places unique focus on providing cost effective, innovative solutions to the customers. Its offering of technical products provides customers with one of the broadest arrays of fastening solutions available in the industry, and extensive engineering services enables Semblex to reduce cost, improve quality and increase process stability. This is accomplished through Value Analysis / Value Engineering (VA/VE) projects at all points of the process, from design concept through final production and assembly. Semblex is committed to customer satisfaction by producing parts of a consistent quality, while striving for continuous improvement. From the quotation through product shipment, Semblex constantly looks for ways to improve on quality driven processes and systems.

Semblex remains a privately held organization which continues to make significant investments in quality, technology, equipment, and creative minds. This investment in the future of Semblex provides it with the tools needed to meet and exceed its goal of total customer satisfaction.

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