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QUALIFLOW Reorganizes Production Line for Mass Flow Controllers

Montpellier, France – April 24, 2001 — To keep pace with a dramatic increase in sales, QUALIFLOW, a leading supplier of products for high purity gas control, today announced an expansion of its mass flow production line that the company expects will double its manufacturing capacity over the next three months. Manufacturing capacity is then expected to double again before the start of the fourth quarter.

“Our business is challenging because most of our mass flow controllers are customized for particular clients based on the density of the gas, flow requirements and sensitivity to temperature changes,” said Claude Jacquemin, chairman and CEO of QUALIFLOW. “Our duty is to provide a consistent, reliable source for our customers. To that end, we have made some improvements in our manufacturing capability that emphasize customer satisfaction and total quality management. The company is completely committed to providing the engineers, training and resources necessary to increase our manufacturing ability.”

QUALIFLOW has increased its production capacity as well as its productivity by providing improved training for production employees and further development of its engineering group in support of the manufacturing operations.

The longer term plans include increasing the company’s cleanroom surface, new enterprise resource planning and an important increase of staff. QUALIFLOW expects all changes to be fully implemented within two months. QUALIFLOW uses sophisticated global computer system to integrate all aspects of the company’s business cohesively.

About QUALIFLOW

QUALIFLOW is a world leading supplier of innovative solutions for ultra high purity gas control. Based in Montpellier, France, QUALIFLOW was formed in 1997 as the result of the spin-off of ASM International’s component and gas systems line of business. The company has approximately 150 employees worldwide and maintains a global network of technical

centers in Montpellier, Incheon, Korea and San Jose, California. QUALIFLOW is traded under the code 7786 in the Paris Stock Exchange's Nouveau Marché.