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Harper Expands Strategic Partnership Internationally with Starbar Japan

Buffalo, NY – Harper International, world leader in thermal processing solutions for advanced materials, welcomes Starbar Japan to our growing list of strategic partners supporting our international sales and customer service activities.

Established in 1987 in Kobe, Japan, CEO Mr. Atsushi Tomimatsu and staff bring a wealth of knowledge of the marketplace, with experience in high-temperature heating elements, thermo heaters and furnaces. Starbar Japan will focus on Rotary and Pusher furnaces and Vertical reactors. Harper's Carbon fiber systems will be handled through an alternative strategic partner.

"Mr. Atsushi Tomimatsu brings decades of high temperature furnace experience and engineering. He will be able to assist Harper with our clients in Japan with their domestic and international expansion needs", remarked Chris Johnston, Business Development Manager at Harper.

Harper is pleased to expand our long-term strategic partnership in Japan with Starbar and serve our Japanese customer bases' needs inside and outside of Japan.

Learn more about Starbar Japan at www.starbar-japan.com/english/index.html.

About Harper International

Harper International is a global leader in complete thermal processing solutions and technical services essential for the production of advanced materials. From concept to commercialization, from research scale to full production line operations, Harper is perpetually on the cutting edge of the most innovative furnace and oven designs in the world. For decades, they have pioneered some of the most unique, customized systems available, with a focus on processing materials at high temperatures up to 3000°C and in non-ambient atmospheres. For additional information, please visit www.harperintl.com or email info@harperintl.com.

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