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**L.J. Star Incorporated Acquires  
Tank Components, Inc.**

**Twinsburg, OH, July 1, 2004** --- L.J. Star Incorporated, a leading provider of industrial process observation equipment, announced today that it has agreed to purchase the assets of Tank Components Incorporated, a major manufacturer of vessel components for use in the pharmaceutical and biotech processing industries. The complimentary nature of the two companies' product lines will provide significant growth opportunities for both companies.

Tank Components Incorporated, located in Springfield, Missouri, is well known in the processing industry for its exceptional product quality and customer service. The Company offers a wide range of components and accessories for use in the manufacture of pharmaceutical and biotech processing vessels. Products include Stainless Steel & Nickel Alloy Tank Heads, ASME Sanitary Manways and Access Ports, Heavy Wall Ferrules, Weld Socket Assemblies, Dished Dimpled Heat Transfer Surface and Cylinders. Tank Components Incorporated will continue its unique marketing strategy of providing only vessel components while not competing in the vessel fabrication market.

L.J. Star Incorporated ([www.ljstar.com](http://www.ljstar.com)), headquartered in Twinsburg, OH, provides sight glasses, lights, sanitary fittings, and level gage instrumentation for process industry applications. Products lines include Metaglas<sup>®</sup> Safety Sight Windows, Lumiglas<sup>®</sup> Explosion Proof Lights and Cameras, Visual Flow Indicators, Sight Ports, Sanitary Clamps, Magnetic Level Gages and Gage Glass.

Corporate support from L.J. Star will allow Tank Components Incorporated to increase its operations, broaden its product base and continue its exceptional deliveries. The acquisition will also strengthen both companies strategically, allowing L.J. Star to focus on meeting the needs of manufacturing facilities in the process industries while Tank Components Incorporated continues to partner with vessel fabricators and OEM's.

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