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HEPCO, Inc. Introduces Desktop X-Ray Analyzer for Lead Detection.

Sunnyvale, CA, February 18, 2005 – HEPCO Inc. has introduced a revolutionary, non-invasive way to test electronic components, sub-assemblies, and assembled PC boards for lead content. Using Micro-Focus X-Ray Fluorescence technology, the system can analyze components in seconds and then create a list of what materials are present, and in what quantities. Companies striving to meet the emerging "Lead-Free" requirements by customers and manufacturers alike can now provide a fast, detailed analysis in-house.

Tim Hoffman, President of HEPCO, Inc. said, "Without this technology, companies will be left struggling to compete in today's lead-free environment. Companies who have mandated that their products become lead-free will have to find a way to document their compliance. It's the last - but perhaps most important part - of making lead-free a reality throughout the entire electronics industry." Hepco, Inc. will have these units available to ship in May of 2005.

For additional information or to schedule a demo, contact: Tim Hoffman, (408) 738-1880, info@hepcoblue.com. www.hepcoblue.com

HEPCO, Inc. has been manufacturing quality through-hole and SMT PCB assembly equipment since 1978. HEPCO, Inc. now offers BGA Sphere Placement and Lead-Free Verification equipment as well. HEPCO, Inc. has distributors and sales representatives worldwide, and has its manufacturing facility in Sunnyvale, CA.

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