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**VFS CORPORATION ADDS AFTERMARKET MANPOWER
TO WEST COAST OFFICE**

SOUDERTON, PA – Vacuum Furnace Systems (VFS) Corporation announced today that the company has added another service engineer to its West Coast aftermarket staff. Bruce Gilchrist brings 6 years' experience in furnace equipment maintenance, vacuum furnace operation and thermal processing knowledge. Gilchrist will report to Tim Coe, West Coast Service Manager.

Herm Deary, Sales Manager/Western USA, said, "As we anticipate increasing demands for general furnace maintenance and repair, we will now be prepared to branch out to the more specialized services. We are right on track with our business plan to provide our West Coast customers with a comprehensive array of local aftermarket furnace services, including preventive maintenance contracts, leak detection, instrumentation calibration, uniformity surveys, hot zone repair, turnkey installations and furnace equipment relocation."

Steve Driscoll, President of Thermal-Vac Technology in Orange, California, a recent customer of VFS, offered this assessment of VFS's West Coast support staff: "They're excellent. There has never been any problem with response time. They have been as good or better than any of the other furnace manufacturers, in spite of our distance from their main plant in Pennsylvania." VFS recently completed a total rebuild of a competitive furnace for Thermal Vac, and replaced a hot zone in an older VFS furnace, while at the same time supervised the installation and start-up of a brand new VFS 12 bar internal quench vacuum furnace with a CompuVac supervisory control system. Thermal Vac operates a total of 17 furnaces.

VFS Corporation is well on its way to the next stage of the company's business plan in becoming a full service organization for its West Coast customers.

VFS designs and manufactures high performance vacuum furnaces for a variety of thermal processing applications in the metal treating and brazing technologies. VFS also provides advanced supervisory furnace controls, application assistance and installation, start-up and aftermarket support services, serving customers from its Pennsylvania headquarters and its California office.

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