



IMPORTANT PRESS RELEASE



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Helwig Carbon Products, Inc. of Milwaukee, WI USA and Gerken SA of Verviers, Belgium through a joint venture company, E-Carbon America have purchased the electrical carbon plate manufacturing business of SGL Carbon in St. Mary PA. Historically this facility was known as Speer Carbon, one of the leaders in technical developments for the carbon brush industry.

E-Carbon America will be the exclusive supplier to Helwig Carbon and Gerken for distribution to the E-Carbon world network. This strategic acquisition solidifies our position as a fully integrated manufacturer and secures our future as a high quality provider of all types of electrical carbon products worldwide. It will secure the availability and quality of these materials for years to come.

The materials made at this facility are some of the best electro-graphite materials for use on American made equipment. These materials are approved on General Electric, Reliance, P&H, Westinghouse and many other American motor manufacturers.

This acquisition places E-Carbon in position to effectively provide electrical carbon materials and products world-wide in any market.

