



## **The Flexan Corporation Registers with the US State Department Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) to support its growth in the military sector**

**Chicago, IL (February 18, 2008)** - As part of its growth strategy, the Chicago-based Flexan Corporation announced today it has registered with the State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC). The DDTC registration allows Flexan to manufacture additional defense related articles and maintain compliance with the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and Arms Export Control Act (AECA). With Flexan's continuing growth in this market, the DDTC registration further signals a strategic commitment by Flexan to pursuing more military opportunities.

"Due to the need for high-performance, custom, rubber parts, Flexan already has a solid portfolio of military defense work," said Flexan President Bruce Cohen. "This is an area of strategic growth for us and the DDTC registration will enable us to further expand our portfolio."

Established in 1946, Flexan is a family owned and operated business which specializes in custom molded rubber components. While it has diversified into both clean room silicone molding at its Elk Grove Village facility (FMI), and global manufacturing and supply chain management through its Flexan China facility (Suzhou); Flexan remains dedicated to molding high performance elastomeric components for the domestic marketplace. Flexan's growth into military applications has come as a natural progression from its extensive experience in fluid power (hydraulic/pneumatic), automotive, and heavy truck.

The DDTC registration should expedite Flexan's continued expansion into the defense arena while adding to its capabilities and expertise. Flexan's current military portfolio includes piston seals for air bursting ammunition, dynamic seals for tanks and personnel carriers, ventilation and electrical systems components for aviation, and control valve diaphragms for naval detection and surveillance equipment. The company's capabilities in insert molding and bonding rubber to metal, plastic, and various other substrates make it a well positioned supplier for complex and demanding military applications.

For more information on the Flexan Corporation, go to [www.flexan.com](http://www.flexan.com).

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