

Far West Technology, Inc. and
Gamma-Service Produktbestrahlung GmbH

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EXPANDING AVAILABILITY OF ALANINE DOSIMETERS

(Goleta, California, USA and Leipzig, Germany): Far West Technology, Inc (FWT) USA since early 2004 is the exclusive distributor in North America and non-exclusive distributor in the rest of the world for Alanine dosimeters manufactured by Gamma-Service Produktbestrahlung GmbH, Germany. FWT and Gamma Service are working in close collaboration to develop the Alanine product for routine dosimetry applications.

Companies utilize radiation processing to treat healthcare products, consumer and food items. They need improved methods for measuring the delivered dose to a product. Alanine offers this with a broader measurement range between 2 to 200 kGy.

"Since 1999 I have been using these Alanine pellets and achieving better than 1% accuracy" said Marc Desrosiers of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) USA, "which is excellent for our type of work."

Manfred Frenzel, Head Dosimetry at Gamma Service stated, "We developed this product because Alanine is where dosimetry for industrial irradiation processing is going in the future. Working with FWT gives us greater access to companies in the United States and elsewhere."

According to John Rickey, CEO of FWT, "We are excited about offering Alanine pellets and film dosimeters manufactured to the highest quality standards and proven over a 10-year period. Alanine complements the FWT radiochromic film dosimeters giving customers more options to treat a wide variety of products at different temperature levels."

Their research and development plans include new packaging, bar-coded for better data capture thereby reducing errors, and to improve ease-of-use in routine applications.

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