

PRESS RELEASE

Lee Spring Stock and Custom Springs Meet RoHS Compliance

New York, NY - **Lee Spring** is committed to the continuous improvement of both their products and processes, delivering to their customers not only the highest quality, but also the assurance that products are environmentally safe. This underlying philosophy has guided Lee Spring to embrace the **RoHS Directive** for products to be sold in the European Union after July 1, 2006. *RoHS (European Directive 2002/95/EC on Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances)* is European legislation that restricts the levels of Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Hexavalent Chromium, Polybrominated Biphenyls (PBB) and Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE) present in electrical and electronic equipment beginning July 2006.

Lee Spring understands both the importance of this directive and its impact on the business of their customers who sell products in Europe. Accordingly, over the past year Lee Spring has been reviewing suppliers and manufacturing methods to ensure that the products they manufacture and supply to the market do not contain unacceptable levels of any of these restricted substances; Lee Spring can now proudly declare that virtually all of their products are in compliance with the RoHS Directive. The only exception are custom products meeting customer requests for Yellow Chromate plating. Only products with a customer requirement of Yellow Chromate in the plating process cannot be certified as in compliance with the directive, and Lee Spring only uses Yellow Chromate when specifically instructed to do so by our customers. Yellow Chromate may contain levels of Hexavalent Chromium that are unacceptable under the RoHS Directive. Although Lee Spring uses Blue Chromate, which is RoHS compliant, for all of our Catalog items and most of our Custom items, we are making additional efforts on behalf of customers who require Yellow Chromate with their plating to bring these products into compliance by the end of 2005.