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SBE, Inc. Acquires S B Electronics, Inc. of Barre, Vermont and plans to continue tradition of manufacturing in the Central Vermont Region

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June 28, 2002 – Today, SBE, Inc. a newly formed corporation founded by Mr. Edward Sawyer and Mr. Mark Browning, Sr., acquired all of the assets and substantially all of the liabilities of S B Electronics, Inc. of Barre, Vermont.

S B Electronics, founded in 1986 and originally the Sprague Electric, Barre Capacitor Division, has been manufacturing film capacitors for the electronics, lighting, and industrial equipment industries continuously here in Central Vermont since 1959. Currently employing 35 people, the company has seen a solid rebound in sales and profitability during the first half of 2002 after a terrible downturn in 2001 which shook the entire electronics' industry. S B Electronics' founder, Mr. Perry Browning is retiring as a result of the sale.

SBE, Inc. will continue to operate the manufacturing facility in Barre and will operate under the S B Electronics' trade name.

Ed Sawyer, President and Co-Founder of SBE, Inc. stated, "I am excited to become part of the long standing tradition of manufacturing capacitors in Barre, Vermont. The company has a worldwide reputation with its Orange Drop products and we are continually expanding the technical breadth of that line. 2002 has been a difficult year but we are seeing encouraging signs of sustained recovery in certain segments of our marketplace and we are hopeful that the momentum will continue."

Mr. Sawyer, 40, has a BSEE from Tufts University and an MBA from Colorado State University. He has held executive positions at Emerson Electric Co, and Banta Corp., as well as technical sales positions with Lucent Technologies and Alpha Industries.

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Mr. Browning, 40, has been with S B Electronics since 1989 and most recently held the title of Vice President, Sales and Marketing. He holds a BS degree in Physics from University of Maine. Prior to his current position with S B Electronics, Mr. Browning held various sales positions with United Pipe and Steel Company of Massachusetts.

SBE, Inc. is a manufacturer of film capacitors for the industrial equipment, telecommunications, power supply and lighting industries. SBE, Inc. competes with companies in Asia, Europe, Mexico and the United States and serves customers worldwide, from Canada and Israel, to Singapore and Hong Kong. Providing quality products and proven solutions, one customer at a time.

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