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## **DGE and SLW Announce Strategic Alliance**

Engineering services supplier and pump manufacturer enter partnership

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Rochester Hills, Michigan-based engineering services supplier DGE Inc. ([www.dgeinc.com](http://www.dgeinc.com)) and automotive pump manufacturer SLW of Sallisaw, Oklahoma today announced a strategic alliance based on a shared vision and complementary capabilities and strengths. DGE will provide electronics hardware and software design services, including test system development, to complement SLW's pump design, development and manufacturing expertise.

By engaging the companies at the technology, marketing and business levels, the alliance will allow both companies to drive new growth through complemented and expanded skill sets and shared business opportunities.

DGE and SLW share a commitment to quality and to continuous improvement and hold ISO 9001, TS 16949, ISO 14001, and other accreditations.

"This strategic alliance allows DGE to have a greater exposure to the growing market for electronic pumps for automotive applications and allows us to combine our expertise in electronics hardware and software development with a world-class pump supplier" says DGE COO Stephan Tarnutzer.

"Precise product and system control, driven by the growing need to reduce noise and emissions and improve fuel consumption is creating significant challenges for Tier 1 suppliers whose core competencies have traditionally focused on purely mechanical applications", says SLW General Manager, Alan Garner. "This strategic alliance with an internationally recognized leader in automotive control systems complements SLW's proven expertise in automotive pumping systems and will enable us to more effectively and nimbly support the future expectations of our customers."

DGE Inc., founded in 1984, provides electrical engineering design and consulting services to automotive OEMs and Tier 1 suppliers. The company has extensive experience and expertise in integrating products into OEM vehicles. Focusing on the entire vehicle system, DGE delivers innovative and cost-effective solutions to complex customer challenges. Its strengths include system integration, embedded software development, electronics hardware design, vehicle networking, telematics, OEM specifications and requirements, custom test systems, and verification and validation of electronics. The company also offers OEM product development advisory services and project management and coordination

services. In addition to automotive, DGE serves the military, government, consumer electronics and alternative energy industries.

SLW Automotive Inc is a joint venture with BorgWarner that was established in 2009 following the acquisition of a majority share of the BorgWarner oil pump business by the rapidly expanding Chinese Shenglong Group. The business, which was originally established in 1974, has modern manufacturing and industry leading engineering facilities in Sallisaw, OK and an expanding sales and engineering office in Auburn Hills, MI. As a leading supplier of pumping systems for engine, transmission, and transfer case applications SLW offers a broad range of pumping technology, with the newest product offering being vacuum pumps. Providing customers full design, development and validation capabilities with a very experience and dedicated engineering team. From concept to production hardware SLW provides full service capabilities to assure a successful launch whether it be for a thousand pumps annually or a several million. In addition to serving the automotive industries SLW also serves the agricultural, off-road, and recreational industries.