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NJMET PRESIDENT AND CEO GIACOMO FEDERICO

Giacomo Federico was born in Italy in the town of Benevento on October 23rd, 1937 and immigrated to the United States in 1957. While settling in Paterson, New Jersey he met and married his wife, Angelina in 1962. They would later have a son, Joseph and a daughter, Virginia.

Giacomo immediately set out in search of the American dream working three jobs to provide for the future of his family and contributing his skills to grow in the great land of opportunity.

In the early 70's, Giacomo became Chief Stationary Engineer in a dye print house where he excelled in the field of environmental thermodynamics. After attending school to perfect his trade, Mr. Federico went on to earn Black and Blue Shield Distinctions in Environmental Technology and immediately began his Red Seal studies to further his education.

In 1978, Giacomo co-founded and funded the investment for two additional partners who launched an independent Electronics Testing Laboratory called New Jersey Micro Electronic Testing that catered to testing electronic component products to Intel, Motorola, Texas Instruments, and their local distributors.

At that time Giacomo's wife Angelina as well as their children Joseph & Virginia joined the company.

In the 1980's Giacomo's son, Joseph along side NJMET's President while working on his Bachelors of Science degree in engineering, launched a massive military test department accommodating the Star Wars program which had escalated during the Reagan administration. Soon thereafter, NJMET found themselves catering to Boeing Aircraft, Lockheed Martin, British Aerospace, Honeywell, and Raytheon Systems.

During this time, NJMET, Inc. managed a diversity of programs which continue to serve the Space Shuttle Projects, the Army Tactical Missiles Program, the Patriot Missile, the Stealth Bomber, the B-52, F-18 and F-16 Aerospace Projects as well as the commercial airlines industry. Moreover, NJMET's component test capabilities also accommodate and address the current demands of the communications, cellular and medical instrumentation arena.

In 1994, NJMET was selected as the Unites States (SBA) Region II Subcontractor of the Year. Citations of recognition were presented to Giacomo and then Sole Partner by President Bill Clinton, New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman as well as the Senate and General Assembly Council of New Jersey.

In 1999, Giacomo Federico purchased 100% of NJMET's common stock and became the sole owner. Within three years the company had been transformed into a global operation. Mr. Federico's son, Joseph, who is currently Vice President and Director of Operations, formed the company division Metropolitan Labs to further expand the testing services into the industrial, medical and telecommunications fields. At that time Giacomo's wife Angelina was appointed Director of Quality to oversee NJMET's total Quality Management System and daughter Virginia Giannini was designated Director of Finance to aid in the growth of NJMET's Administration.

In the year 2002, NJMET expanded the company's testing services by opening two additional branches in Los Angeles and London which instantly quadrupled the company's revenues.

In 2003, Giacomo and son Joseph began an extensive research worldwide investigating counterfeit electronic component distribution. After several visits to the Asian Pacific rim, NJMET created **Mission: Imposter** the world's first Electronic Counterfeit Component Detection Program. The program consists of intense chemical, physical and metallurgical tests designed to uncover cloned or counterfeit electronic products.

Today, NJMET is proud to be the first American company invited to Israel & Russia to educate all military, aerospace, and electronic component distributors in the awareness of the current counterfeit epidemic. They are the proud recipient of the Israeli ODEM (Diamond) award in recognition of this scientific discovery towards International Counterfeit Fraud and the protection of Homeland Security.

In 2007, NJMET Inc. was selected among five companies to appear on TV's "Heartbeat of America" honoring American businesses, their innovations and technologies that impact the future of our country.

NJMET's President Giacomo Federico and Vice President Joseph Federico were flown out to Los Angeles to shoot a television broadcast special which was hosted by William Shatner. It celebrates NJMET's accomplishment of being the first laboratory in the world to develop an Electronic Counterfeit Detection Program. During the television program, retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Kevin F. Delaney presented NJMET with "The Keeping America Strong" award.

Last year NJMET opened an additional division in Denver, to accommodate services in the Midwest region of the U.S. In September, they celebrated their thirtieth anniversary and Mr. Federico has received congratulatory letters from Governor Corzine, and Senator Lautenberg as well as from several of their long standing clients. In addition NJMET's continue to work diligently in opening up future offices in China, and Copenhagen, Denmark in order to further expand NJMET's testing services.

Mr. Federico takes great pride in his family. He and Angelina have five grandchildren who also help out in the laboratory during their school holidays. He is a devoted member of his

church and is involved in over a dozen major charity organizations worldwide. He is very proud to be an Italian American and is very grateful to the Italian Tribune for their recognition of his lifetime achievement.