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Cortec reports fourth consecutive record-setting sales month leaving others in the dust!

For the fourth consecutive month, sales of Cortec's VpCI™ products have exceeded the 20% growth goal by considerable margin. In the highly competitive market of corrosion control, Cortec has held to its original strategy of outperforming and out-servicing the competition by investing in research and development, personnel and global expansion. Even the recent downturn in the manufacturing sectors did not slow down Cortec's investment in the future.

Within the past two years, Cortec has invested well over \$3 Million to increase production capacity and has opened direct regional offices to support the exponential growth from its network of distributors. Boris Miksic states, "We have focused on the key areas of customer service and quality of products and always try to anticipate the needs of our customers. Without shareholders to respond to in the short-term, we have been able to remain focused on our successful future."

At the same time Cortec is on a record setting sales pace, the value of Northern Technologies International (AMEX: NTI) common stock dropped 16.55% in a single day (January 14, 2005). Source: [www.bigcharts.com](http://www.bigcharts.com)

