

AE Global Acquires TPK Ceramics

TPK Co-founders Trey Kavooras and Nigel Dandridge join AE Global to lead its vape division

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, August 24, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- AE Global, a leading custom packaging and supply chain solutions provider serving regulated and consumer products industries, including cannabis, today announced it has acquired TPK Ceramics, the manufacturer of fully ceramic zirconia vape hardware, along with its distribution affiliate TPK Distribution. TPK Co-founders Trey Kavooras and Nigel Dandridge are joining AE Global to provide leadership across its fast-growing vape division.

TPK Ceramics has established itself as a leading vape hardware manufacturer with a singular focus on ceramic. Since pioneering the fully ceramic cartridge in 2017 and the zirconia cartridge in 2019, the company has built its reputation on rigorous quality control, the capacity to produce at scale without sacrificing consistency, and bespoke hardware development for many of the most recognized brands in cannabis. TPK Ceramics will continue to operate as a standalone brand under the AE Global umbrella. Its products, factory, quality protocols, and customer relationships remain unchanged. AE Global will offer TPK products within its vape catalog, and existing distribution partners will continue to be supported as authorized partners of the brand.

AE Global has worked in the vape category for years as a distributor without making an acquisition. TPK Ceramics changed that. The company built its business on a simple standard: hardware that performs, made in a factory it controls, with quality it can document.

"We have worked in the vape category for a long time as a distributor for many brands," said Mike Forenza, co-founder of AE Global. "TPK was the first company in the category that fit our operating model and offered a real point of difference. They control their manufacturing, they stand behind their quality, and their customers stay with them for a reason. We are not changing any of that. We are putting more resources behind it. Just as important, we are gaining the people who built it. Trey and Nigel are a real asset to AE Global, and they will provide visionary and operational leadership across our entire vape offering, not just the products that carry the TPK name."

"Nothing about how we build our product changes," said Trey Kavooras, founder of TPK Ceramics and VP Vape Sales, AE Global. "Same factory, same team, same standards, same people picking up the phone. What changes is what we can now do for our customers: more support, more capacity, and a broader range of hardware when they need something beyond ceramic."

The combination gives TPK customers access to AE Global's packaging, project management, and logistics infrastructure, and gives AE Global customers a dedicated vape hardware offering led by the team that has specialized in it longest.

About AE Global

AE Global (AEG) is a market leader in packaging solutions, delivering a comprehensive portfolio of packaging products, automation support, and supply chain services. Through its in-house Innovation Lab, extensive distribution footprint, and vertically integrated manufacturing facilities, AEG partners with customers to solve complex packaging challenges with speed, scale, and accountability.

As a hybrid manufacturer and distributor, AE Global operates three manufacturing facilities across the United States and distributes packaging solutions nationwide.

AE Global is also committed to sustainability and community impact through its Talk Trash program, which funds waste collection in regions lacking adequate waste management infrastructure. As of July 31, 2025, through its partnership with rePurpose Global, AE Global has helped remove more than 439,000 pounds of ocean-bound plastic, equivalent to over 9.6 million 16-ounce water bottles, from the environment.

About TPK Ceramics

TPK Ceramics is a manufacturer of fully ceramic vape hardware, founded in 2019. Its zirconia cartridges, all-in-one devices, and batteries are used by leading cannabis brands across North America. TPK Ceramics operates as a standalone brand within the AE Global family.

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