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WEIDMANN announces the completion of ISO17025 accreditation

St. Johnsbury, VT — October 9, 2013 – WEIDMANN ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY, a global leader in electrical insulation, components, diagnostics and monitors for transformer manufacturers and transformer owner/operators, is pleased to announce the completion of ISO/IEC17025 accreditation for all its 14 diagnostic testing labs across the globe.

WEIDMANN owns and operates 14 diagnostic service centers across North America, Mexico, and China making it the only service provider with global reach that is ISO/IEC17025 accredited. Each diagnostic service center provides testing services and technical engineering support to its clients to insure they are provided with timely and accurate actionable information that assists them in critical decision making necessary to manage the health of their critical electrical equipment. The WEIDMANN brand insures, as it has for over 100 years, that products and services will be of the highest quality, offered at competitive prices and backed by industry leading customer service and technical support.

‘Completing our accreditation distinguishes us as the only diagnostic testing service in the utility market that is accredited across multiple sites,’ says Zach Hatch, Director of Operations for WEIDMANN Diagnostics. ‘This designation means that where ever our customers are and whatever diagnostic service center they use, they can be confident that test specifications are consistently executed in the same manner per ASTM/IEC standards.’

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The ISO/IEC 17025 standard indicates WEIDMANN Diagnostic laboratories have formally demonstrated specific technical competence to produce precise, accurate test data. The standard assesses: technical competence of staff; validity and appropriateness of test method, traceability of measurements and calibrations to national standards, handling of test samples, and quality assurance of test data. This ensures the highest level of quality analytical results possible aiding our clients decision making process.

With a standard quality management system in place, our consistency, repeatability and accuracy across multiple sites are unmatched in the industry. The process took two years to complete with the support of the ISO accreditation body, Laboratory Accreditation Bureau (L-A-B). Jason Stine, Testing Program Manager for L-A-B was impressed with the commitment, support and effort demonstrated by all lab personnel at all the labs. 'I wanted to say how very impressed we were with the work that was performed by you and your entire organization. Feedback from both assessors was very positive and the responses to the non-compliances were very good. We appreciate your organizations hard work and dedication to this process.'

Jeff Goolgasian, President of WEIDMANN Diagnostics notes 'This was not an easy process to go through, but going through the process itself made us a better operation. It has resulted in improvements to our processes and frankly some added costs. During this time we also invested in a lab automation system that ties many of our test sets directly to our Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) eliminating much of the manual off-line calculation and data entry. The productivity savings helped to offset some of the added costs of ISO and further improves our accuracy. In looking for a testing provider, ISO and lab automation should be at the top of the list of requirements...the benefits are undeniable.'

For further information on all WEIDMANN Diagnostic products and services, please visit www.weidmann-electrical.com and www.weidmann-diagnostics.com.

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WICOR in a nutshell

The **WICOR** (Weidmann International Corporation) Group is, and has been for over 135 years, a leading global supplier of engineered products and services for the ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY and PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY business segments.

The business area WEIDMANN ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY develops and produces high-voltage insulation materials, components and systems as well as sophisticated diagnostics and engineering services, and sensors and monitors for transformers and transformer users.

The business area WEIDMANN PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY develops and produces sophisticated injection molded plastics applications for automotive, industrial and medical technology customers.

The **WICOR** Group is active worldwide in more than 30 locations and employs a staff of 3750. In 2012 it achieved net sales of 565 MCHF.

The WICOR Group headquarters is located in Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland.

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