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Global Calibration Gases LLC To Produce Elite PurityPlus Specialty Gases

Palmetto, FL – 12/01/2010 - The Independent Welding Distributors Cooperative (IWDC) is pleased to announce that Global Calibration Gases LLC of Palmetto, FL has been approved to produce their PurityPlus line of specialty gases. Global Calibration Gases joins 32 other IWDC companies who produce and distribute PurityPlus Specialty Gases, only available through IWDC Member companies, throughout North America.

All PurityPlus-approved laboratories have passed a rigorous evaluation conducted by industry expert, Tom Badstubner of AsteRisk LLC. The Quality Assurance protocols under which these gases are produced are structured to meet the requirements of ISO 17025, the internationally recognized quality standard for testing and calibration laboratories. PurityPlus producers are the industry leader in the number of ISO 17025 accredited laboratories in the United States (currently, seven), with a total of eleven laboratories that are either ISO 9001 certified or ISO 17025 accredited. Global Calibration Gases expects to complete their assessment audit and become an accredited ISO 17025 laboratory in early January, 2011.

"We are pleased to have been selected as a PurityPlus Specialty Gas producer, and are proud to offer the PurityPlus line to our customers at reasonable prices and with shorter lead times than other producers," notes Ray Borzio, Technical Director and a 37-year industry veteran. "We excel in producing EPA Protocol mixtures and have extensive experience in producing VOC blends and multi-component hydrocarbon mixtures. We can also guarantee long-term stability of reactive gas mixtures in aluminum cylinders treated with our proprietary Cyl-inert[®] process."

"The Global Calibration Gases Quality Team has over 75 years combined experience in specialty gas production," says Borzio. "Our experience also includes advanced cylinder preparation techniques, filling procedures for low ppm and ppb mixtures, and fill plant and analytical lab installations. Our specialty gases are consistent, quality products that meet the high standards set by the PurityPlus Quality Assurance protocols."

Global Calibration Gases also offers an extensive specialty gas training program for industry customers, including cylinder prep and filling, mixtures analysis and market applications for various specialty gas



mixtures. The intensive 5-day course is offered quarterly, but plans are to increase the frequency of the training to accommodate IWDC Member specialty gas personnel at preferential tuition rates.

The IWDC is a cooperative owned by 149 privately owned independent distributors with over 600 store locations throughout North America which supply high quality specialty, medical and industrial gases as well as welding supplies to a number of key industries.

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