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CSA INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES SALE OF QUALIFICATION PROGRAM FOR CONCRETE LABORATORIES TO CCIL

Toronto, June 8, 2009 – CSA International, a leading testing and certification organization, in cooperation with the Canadian Council of Independent Laboratories (CCIL), is today officially announcing the sale of the CSA International Qualification Program for Concrete Laboratories to CCIL. The deal includes the Concrete Technician Personnel Certification Program that is associated with the Qualification program but does not include CSA International's Pre-Cast Concrete Plant Qualification Program.

“The decision to sell this program was made after an extensive review of our services in this area,” says Randall W. Luecke, President, CSA International. “This review revealed the CSA International Qualification Program for Concrete Laboratories is an excellent program but that it is not a strategic fit with the long-term business objectives of CSA International. We have worked closely with CCIL on a number of programs throughout the years and anticipate a smooth transition of the concrete qualification program.”

CCIL operates similar certification programs for asphalt and aggregate testing laboratories and laboratory technicians. The CCIL Laboratory Certification Programs have developed over the past twenty five years and continue to evolve to respond to new responsibilities, challenges, technologies, and testing procedures in the quality control/quality assurance testing industry. The Qualification Program for Concrete Laboratories will serve to further strengthen the CCIL portfolio.

“The acquisition of CSA International's Qualification Program for Concrete Laboratories is an excellent fit to our other laboratory certification programs in asphalt and aggregates,” says David Hope, President of CCIL. “For many years, our members and prospective members were asking us to enter this field. We always had a high regard for the CSA International program, and felt the best way to deal with this was to indicate our interest to CSA International to acquire their program if and when CSA International decided to withdraw from it. This deal allows an orderly transfer and the continuation of a quality certification program staffed by highly trained CCIL materials testing engineers, scientists and inspectors.”

The deal calls for a relatively short transition phase where CSA International will provide training and knowledge transfer. CSA International's employees working in the program will remain with CSA International and will be repositioned within the organization.

About CSA International

CSA International is a provider of product testing and certification services for electrical, mechanical, plumbing, gas and a variety of other products. Recognized in the U.S., Canada and around the world, CSA International certification marks appear on billions of products worldwide. CSA International is a division of CSA Group, which also includes CSA, a leading solutions based standards organization, providing standards development, application products, training and advisory services; and OnSpeX, a provider of consumer product evaluation, inspection and advisory services for retailers and manufacturers. For more information, visit www.csa-international.org

About CCIL

Canadian Council of Independent Laboratories (CCIL) is a federally incorporated, non-profit organization that represents independent, tax-paying professional firms engaged in geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing, environmental testing, analytical testing and conformity assessment. CCIL is the pre-eminent association for independent laboratories. CCIL accomplishes this by ensuring high standards and ethical business practices, and by acting as the advocacy voice for the industry. For more information, visit www.ccil.com

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