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**TRACE LABORATORIES - EAST BECOMES ONE OF FEW TEST LABS WORLDWIDE  
TO BECOME AN UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES "CERTIFICATED AGENCY"  
FOR BOTH ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENGINEERING FUNCTIONS**

HUNT VALLEY, MD — Trace Laboratories - East is proud to announce its acceptance as a fully Certificated Agency by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) for both Administrative and Engineering functions. This certification represents a milestone in Trace Laboratories' 20 year relationship with Underwriters Laboratories and identifies Trace as one of a select number of labs in the world who holds this certification. Trace Laboratories - East, an independent test facility, has received full Certificated Agency status under UL's "Client Agent Program" and can now perform complete, formal UL-recognized testing in their facility. These capabilities have been developed specifically for clients in industries including printed circuit boards, permanent coatings, plastics, laminates, and flex materials.

The primary benefit of using Trace - East is a reduced time-to-market. Trace's expertise in working with UL programs and its ability to provide a very quick customer response translates to time and cost savings for customers bringing either new or reformulated products to the market. The "time-to-market" benefit can result in a significant competitive advantage.

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With their "full" UL certification, Trace becomes the client's project management point-of contact. Trace Labs will handle all logistics, review and respond to all technical questions, discuss and review project guidelines and requirements, and provide continual project update information to the client. In addition to having the full range of technical capabilities, Trace - East provides a high degree of customer service that makes the entire certification process very "user friendly." Trace - East clients will have direct access to the Labs' Technical Director.

Trace - East's Certificate Number is TLE01A.

For more information on Trace Laboratories - East's testing capabilities or any of the lab's training programs, contact **Trace Laboratories - East, Marketing Department, 5 North Park Drive, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. Phone: 410-584-9099. FAX: 410-584-9117.**

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