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TRACE LABORATORIES EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO GROUNDBREAKING ASTM COMMITTEE

HUNT VALLEY, MD – Trace Laboratories announces that several employees will be participating as contributing members of a groundbreaking ASTM Technical Committee (F40) on Declarable Substances in Materials. John M. Radman - Senior Technical Director, Stephen N. Keller - Technical Director, and Keith M. Sellers - Scientist, will all serve as principle members of this new committee dealing with the ramifications of the European Union (EU) Directive 2002/95/EC on the Restriction of the Use of Certain Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS).

The F40 committee will create methods for the testing of products for the presence of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs). Trace will add the new test methods to their suite of methods already being used in the testing for these hazardous substances.

Trace aims to remain a driving force in the forefront of these and other types of testing issues. Trace's goal is to steer committees, such as F40, in order to provide coherent guidance to its customers as they try to determine how these new laws affect their products.

For more information on the ASTM F40 Technical Committee, RoHS testing, or any other testing service, contact Trace Laboratories – East, 5 North Park Drive, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. Phone 410-584-9099. Fax: 410-584-9117. Email: traceeast@tracelabs.com . Web: www.tracelabs.com. Information on the ASTM committee can also be found at www.astm.org.

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