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PRESS RELEASE

Electrolube Opens State-Of-The-Art R&D Centre in China

Electrolube, the global manufacturer of electro-chemicals, celebrates the continuing healthy growth of its manufacturing operation in China with the opening of a new research and development (R&D) facility in Suzhou, China. Electrolube China will wholly own this local subsidiary and the positioning of this R&D facility will further enhance Electrolube's capability as a supplier of innovative products to meet the specific needs of Chinese manufacturers. The Electrolube brand is well respected in China and the Beijing based company has enjoyed massive growth in both its domestic and export markets. The Suzhou facility will maintain a very close working relationship with both the Beijing and UK based R&D teams to grow their technical liaison and ensure a highly productive exchange of ideas.

The Chinese city of Suzhou is an important centre for manufacturing and is located about 100km north west of Shanghai. Suzhou has excellent rail, road and air transportation links to all the major centres of production in China, which gives the Suzhou R&D facility a strategic advantage as it extends its services to a broad catchment of customers.

Sharon Zhang, General Manager Electrolube Asia and Export comments, "We are delighted to have inaugurated such a modern and well-equipped R&D facility here in the heart of one of our most prestigious cities and centres of manufacturing. Electrolube China has proved a huge success in terms of its market growth and the company's reputation for product innovation and technical assistance has established us as the 'first port of call' for manufacturers seeking electro-chemical solutions that really make a difference."

Ron Jakeman, Managing Director for the HK Wentworth Group, of which Electrolube is a division comments, "Electrolube China marked its 10th anniversary in 2013 and the company continues to grow strongly as it satisfies the Chinese electronics industry's huge demand for environmentally-friendly electro-chemical products. Electrolube is at the forefront of developing innovative formulated chemical solutions for electronics manufacturers and the opening of the Suzhou research facility is further testament to the strength of our relationship with the Chinese electronics manufacturing sector and our commitment to establishing local centres of excellence for product development and technical expertise."

About Electrolube

Electrolube, a division of H.K. Wentworth Limited, is a leading manufacturer of specialist chemicals for electronics, automotive and industrial manufacturing. Core product groups include conformal coatings, contact lubricants, thermal management materials, cleaning solutions, encapsulation resins and maintenance and service aids.

The extensive range of electro-chemicals at Electrolube enables the company to offer a 'complete solution' to leading manufacturers of electronic, industrial and domestic devices, at all levels of the production process. Through collaboration and research, the company is continually developing new and environmentally friendly products for customers around the world and their commitment to developing 'greener' products has been endorsed by the ISO 14001 standard for the highly efficient Environmental Management System in place at the company.

Winners of the Queen's award for Enterprise 2016, Electrolube is represented in over 55 countries with an established network of subsidiaries and distributors. By offering genuine security of scale and a reliable supply chain, the company is able to deliver a truly tailored service.

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