



NTS Announces Acquisition of Trace Laboratories

Further strengthens the United States' sole nationwide network of environmental simulation laboratories with 45,000 square feet of industry-respected facilities in Palatine, IL and Hunt Valley, MD

Calabasas, CA (February 26, 2015). National Technical Systems, Inc. ("NTS"), the leading independent provider of environmental simulation testing, inspection, and certification solutions in the United States, announced today that it has acquired Trace Laboratories. Financial details of the acquisition were not disclosed.

Trace Laboratories, an internationally accredited, full-service testing laboratory, has approximately 45,000 square feet of testing facilities in Palatine, IL, a suburb of Chicago, and Hunt Valley, MD, a suburb of Baltimore. The acquisition of the Palatine facility, which will become [NTS Chicago](#), further strengthens NTS' leading and sole nationwide network of environmental simulation testing capabilities, including dynamics, climatic, EMI/EMC, lightning, product safety, mechanical, and fluids testing.

The Hunt Valley facility, which will become [NTS Baltimore](#), adds materials testing capabilities to NTS' fully comprehensive offering in environmental simulation. The Hunt Valley lab offers industry-leading expertise in failure analysis and materials testing, and is widely known as a global leader in printed circuit board and printed circuit assembly failure analysis and testing, noted William C. McGinnis, President and CEO of NTS.

"The addition of Trace Laboratories brings to NTS an excellent management, engineering, and technical team, and allows us to expand our geographic reach and further our presence in two parts of the country critical to our customers' success: Chicago and Baltimore," McGinnis said. "We are also adding capabilities to our growing array of services that we would previously outsource, accelerating our responsiveness to customer testing needs and increasing the "one-stop shop" capability for which NTS has become known. This is an excellent acquisition and further establishes us as the largest and most comprehensive environmental simulation testing laboratory network in the U.S."

NTS is a portfolio company of Los Angeles-based Aurora Capital Group.

About National Technical Systems

National Technical Systems, Inc. (NTS) is the leading independent provider of environmental simulation testing, inspection, and certification services in the United States, serving a broad range of industries, including the civil aviation, space, defense, nuclear, telecommunications, industrial, electronics, medical, and automotive end markets. During its more than 50 years in business, NTS has built the broadest geographic presence and sole national footprint in the United States, an unparalleled breadth of capabilities, and has fostered continuous innovation, making NTS a unique one-stop resource to meet its clients' demanding and evolving requirements. Operating through a network of 24 technologically advanced testing laboratories across the United States, this geographically diverse footprint puts NTS facilities in close proximity to its more than 4,000 clients, allowing NTS to serve the nation's most innovative companies with industry-leading accessibility and responsiveness. NTS' offering spans more than 70 distinct environmental simulation and materials testing categories, including climatic, structural, dynamics, fluid flow, EMI/EMC, lightning, product safety, acoustics, failure analysis, chemical, and other industry-specific tests, allowing it to handle its clients' most demanding needs. Additionally, the company is accredited by numerous national and international organizations, which allows NTS to have its test data nearly universally accepted worldwide. For additional information about NTS, visit our website at www.nts.com or call 800-270-2516.

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