



Element Materials Technology further expands Aerospace Testing capabilities with acquisition of Environ Laboratories LLC

Element Materials Technology has today acquired Environ Laboratories LLC, Minneapolis, MN in the U.S. to further strengthen its position as the leading provider of materials testing and product qualification testing services to the global Aerospace sector.

This latest acquisition significantly extends Element's current product qualification testing capabilities through the addition of Environ Laboratories' extensive range of Electromagnetic Interference (EMI), Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC), Environmental, Climatic, Dynamics, Hydraulics and Fuel System testing services. This move is fully in line with Element's overall global business strategy to become the recognized market leader for material testing and product qualification testing services.

Originally founded in 1961, Environ Laboratories serves industry-leading clients in the Aerospace, Telecommunications, Automotive and Medical sectors.

Charles Noall, President and CEO of Element, says: "We have been aware of the outstanding quality of Environ Laboratories' people and their work for many years. Their comprehensive range of product qualification testing services is designed to meet a wide variety of commercial specifications and standards. This, together with their impressive list of clients, industry accreditations such as A2LA and various client approvals, makes Environ Laboratories a perfect fit for our business."

Noall went on to add: "Environ Laboratories' ongoing commitment to its people, quality and speed of service mirrors that of Element's culture and ethos. We look forward to welcoming Alan Thompson and his operations team to the rapidly growing Element family."

The acquisition of Environ Laboratories follows a number of other high profile acquisitions by Element over the last twelve months, including GEVA (Gesellschaft für Entwicklung und Versuch Adlershof mbH), one of Germany's leading Aerospace product qualification testing companies located in Berlin and Accutek Testing Laboratories a major player in materials testing to the Aerospace and Medical Device sectors located in Cincinnati, OH.

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About Element: Element is a company with a global presence; its laboratories are staffed by experts specializing in materials testing, product qualification testing and failure analysis for the Aerospace, Oil & Gas and Transportation and Industrials sectors. Element's team of 1,600 scientists, engineers and technicians work in 45 facilities located throughout the U.S. and Europe. For a complete list of Accreditations & Approvals and more information, please visit www.element.com.

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