



Headwall Achieves Quality Recognition With Newest ISO 9001:2008 Certification

Headwall one of the first companies to receive certification for updated ISO standard

Fitchburg, MA; March 13, 2009 – Headwall Photonics, a leading supplier of high performance integrated spectrometer systems for spectral imaging and chemical sensing applications, announced that the company had completed a successful ISO audit which resulted in Headwall being certified as one of the first companies to be certified under the new ISO 9001:2008 standard.

Since the company's inception, Headwall has continuously focused on the implementation of quality standards and work procedures as a means to differentiate itself in the competitive market for high performance analytical instrumentation. With the company's commercialization strategy developed around high value products for worldwide OEM customers, maintaining a rigorous approach to quality remains a key reason for Headwall's continued growth and success.

"Our customers deploy Headwall technology into a wide range of mission-critical application areas" said Larry Barstow, Headwall's Chief Operating Officer, "Headwall's focus on delivering quality products that exceed customer expectations is the end-result of a company-wide program of rigorous work procedures and production standards".

Achieving ISO certification under the new ISO 9001:2008 standard represents a significant achievement. According to Arlen Chapman, Quality Systems Director of NQA, a prestigious ISO audit and surveillance company, "the new ISO standards are more rigorous and demanding than previous standards. Headwall, as a venture-backed technology manufacturer, is certainly a leader in the implementation of quality standards with work procedures and systems comparable to those typically seen in much larger organizations".

As a leading manufacturer of spectral technology, Headwall offers the ability to maintain high quality and product consistency across high volume OEM production runs. This capability uniquely positions the company for success across a broad segment of markets from medical and life sciences to process manufacturing and defense. For these reasons, Headwall prides itself on being a predictable supply chain partner for customers around the world.

About Headwall Photonics

Headwall Photonics is the leading designer and manufacturer of spectral instrumentation and optical diffraction gratings for industrial, commercial, and government markets. Headwall's high performance spectrometers, spectral engines, and holographic diffraction gratings have been selected by OEM and end-user customers around the world for use in critical application environments. As a pioneer in the development of innovative spectrographs and imaging spectrometers based on optical technologies, Headwall enjoys a market leadership position through the design and manufacture of patented spectral instrumentation that is customized for application-specific performance. Headwall Photonics was formed in 2003 as the result of a management buy-out from Agilent Technologies.

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About NQA, USA

NQA, USA, headquartered in Acton, Massachusetts, was established in 1992 as a joint venture between National Quality Assurance, Limited (headquartered in London, England) and National Technical Systems, Inc. (located in Calabasas, CA, NASDAQ: NTSC). NQA, USA is a world-renowned ISO 9001, ISO 14001, TS 16949, and AS9100 registrar. NQA, USA's single point of contact saves clients time, while its well-trained, efficient staff, located nationwide, provides local attention. NQA's worldwide operations are accredited to perform management systems registrations by ANSI - ANAB and UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service). NQA, USA has expertise in many diverse industries including aerospace, transportation and distribution, printing, professional services, automotive, foods, electronics, computers, and software.

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