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ESPEC North America Inc. and Qualmark Corporation Merge Companies

HUDSONVILLE, MI – December 12, 2017 – Following the combination of their respective sales groups on August 1, 2017, [ESPEC North America Inc.](#) (ENA) and [Qualmark Corporation](#) (Qualmark) today announce a complete company merger to take effect January 1, 2018. As with the combining of their [Sales](#) forces, this action further strengthens support for both customer bases, for their respective test chamber products, and grows their overall product and service portfolio to be the largest in the [electronics](#) and [environmental](#) testing industries worldwide.

In 2015, Qualmark became part of the ESPEC Group of companies as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ESPEC Corporation, headquartered in Osaka, Japan. ESPEC North America has been a part of this group since 1989. Since the addition of Qualmark to the group, the two companies have taken a collaborative approach to delivering the best environmental and accelerated test systems to the marketplace. The merger of the companies is a natural evolution of this close working relationship. The Qualmark brand will be offered as a product line of ESPEC North America, Inc. Primary manufacturing activities for the [Qualmark product line](#) will remain in Denver to assure continuity of supply.

The combined companies have worked diligently to align sales channels throughout all of North America and around the world with very little disruption to customers. Internal processes have been streamlined to allow customers and partners alike to access the entire product portfolio through one channel and one contact. Likewise, the company infrastructure and manufacturing capacity has grown by maintaining the headquarter facility in Hudsonville, MI along with the centrally located Qualmark facility in Denver, CO. ENA will offer simplified ordering, new service packages and options, [Professional](#) and [Lab services](#), and an expanded team that is able to provide service and support to companies across the globe.

Mr. Ken Walter, President of ENA, commented, “We are pleased to announce the full merging of our companies at the beginning of 2018. We fully believe in the quality and strength of both brands and foresee the complete combination of sales, support, service, and all business systems to be a strategic measure. This one company format will offer the Environmental Testing and Design/Reliability Engineering communities unprecedented value and access to the broadest portfolio of chambers, services, and [labs](#) around the world. Together, we anticipate serving the industry with the best, and most complete testing solutions available, and continuing to build on ESPEC’s promise of Quality and Innovation for years to come.”

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About ESPEC North America Inc.

[ENA](#) has been building test chambers in the United States since 1983. They are a wholly-owned subsidiary of ESPEC Corporation and part of the ESPEC Group of companies, which include manufacturing facilities in Japan and China, as well as sales and service support around the world. From the smallest temperature/humidity chamber in the industry to one that can test a satellite, ESPEC has the equipment and expertise to meet and exceed your testing requirements. ENA builds standard chamber models with a good number stocked for quick delivery along with a variety of chambers available for rental. Custom designed chambers including special or unique features to meet specific application requirements are also available.

About Qualmark Corporation

[Qualmark](#) has been one of the leading manufacturers of accelerated reliability test equipment worldwide since pioneering the technology in the early 1990s. Its patented HALT (Highly Accelerated Life Test) and HASS (Highly Accelerated Stress Screen) chamber systems are recognized as critically important tools for design reliability testing and production screening of electronics and electro-mechanical equipment. Qualmark is the knowledge leader in accelerated stress testing methods with over 4,500 HALT/HASS tests conducted in Qualmark's lab facilities. With worldwide installations of over 1200 systems in 33 countries in such diverse industries as Aerospace, Consumer Electronics, Enterprise Systems, Medical, Sustainable Energy and Telecommunications, Qualmark equipment is known for providing quick and effective results.

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