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Nortech Systems' *Intercon 1* Division Receives Award and Additional Business from Rosemount

MINNEAPOLIS — The Intercon 1 division of Nortech Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: NSYS) recently earned a supplier recognition award from Rosemount Inc. and received a significant order to build cable assemblies for a new-generation Rosemount product line. Preliminary production runs are starting this month.

“We’re proud to receive this prestigious award and new business from Rosemount,” says Bud Brown, General Manager of Nortech Systems’ Intercon 1 division. “Our success in this rigorous supplier-evaluation program gives us confidence that Nortech Systems has the capabilities, infrastructure and personnel to compete with world-class companies anywhere.” Adds Brown, “This is the third year we’ve received the award.” Rosemount evaluated the performance of more than 1,500 suppliers, rating them on criteria including quality, delivery performance, pricing and customer service. Nortech Systems was the sole cable manufacturer to be recognized this year, and one of only 37 suppliers overall.

Rosemount, one of the Emerson Process Management family of companies, is part of Emerson, the world’s largest supplier of field-based pressure, temperature, flow and level process solutions. Industries served include petrochemicals, food and paper processing and pharmaceuticals. The cable assemblies now built by Nortech Systems are used in Rosemount’s current line of Pressure Transmitters. The new assemblies to be built will be used in Rosemount’s next-generation Smart Pressure Transmitter, which is a key component in the PlantWeb[®] field-based architecture for process automation.

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Nortech Systems, Inc. (www.nortechsys.com), based in Wayzata, Minn., is a full-service electronics manufacturing services (EMS) provider of wire and cable assemblies, printed circuit board assemblies, higher-level assemblies and box builds for a wide range of industries. Markets served include medical, automotive, military, computer, peripheral, commercial, telecom, government and consumer. Nortech Systems has additional Minnesota facilities in Aitkin, Baxter, Bemidji, Fairmont and Merrifield; and facilities in Augusta, Wis. Nortech Systems is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol NSYS.