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### **Intercon 1/Augusta Division of Nortech Systems Achieves Certification Under New ISO 9001:2000 Quality Standard**

MINNEAPOLIS — --(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Intercon 1/ Augusta division of Nortech Systems, Inc. (NSYS) was unconditionally recommended for certification under the new ISO 9001:2000 international quality standard.

The Augusta division, located in Augusta, Wis., produces the proprietary Intercon 1 product line of Camera Link™ and CCD (Charge-Coupled Devices) camera cables used in robotics, industrial diagnostics and medical products. Intercon 1 is the largest supplier of aftermarket camera cables and accessories in the United States. The Augusta facility also manufactures a wide range of molded cable assemblies and wire harnesses for commercial customers. The Intercon 1 sales office in Baxter, Minn., is included in this new ISO certification.

"The 2000 revisions include more emphasis on continuous improvement, customer satisfaction and management involvement," comments Pete Kucera, Vice President of Corporate Quality for Nortech Systems. "We are already strong in these areas and expect our ISO efforts to reinforce these strengths. "All four divisions are now ISO-certified, and the new 2000 revisions will be implemented across our other three divisions over the next 18 months," continues Kucera. Nortech Systems' Intercon 1/ Augusta division is one of the first 350 organizations in the United States to be certified under the 2000 revisions, which were officially released on December 15, 2000. Current ISO 9000 certificate holders have up to three years to upgrade.

"Our proactive quality program continues to be recognized by customers across a wide range of industries," notes Kucera. Earlier this month Nortech Systems announced two contracts for its Merrifield division, located in Merrifield, Minn. The first is a three-year contract valued at between \$14 million and \$18 million with a Fortune 500 company in the transportation industry. The second is a \$1.2 million contract with Systec, Inc., a manufacturer of analytical chemistry instruments based in New Brighton, Minn. In September, Nortech Systems' Aerospace Systems division in Fairmont, Minn., was awarded a \$1.2 million contract for the MILES 2000 military training program.

Nortech Systems, Inc. ([www.nortechsys.com](http://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 Baxter, Bemidji, Fairmont and Merrifield; and a facility in Augusta, Wis. Nortech Systems is traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol NSYS.

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