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## **Central Welding Supply Expands with Beverage Gas Division**

**MARYSVILLE, WA, May 19, 2009** – Central Welding Supply, announced the acquisition of Compressed Gas Western, a beverage gases supply company based in Seattle, WA. “Compressed Gas Western has been providing unmatched beverage gas service to over 1500 restaurants, bars, brew-pubs, and food service establishments in the greater Seattle metropolitan area since 1974,” said Dale Wilton, President/CEO of Central Welding Supply. “We are excited to continue the tradition of reliable beverage gas service that founders/owners Russ and Joann Ivers began over 35 years ago.”

The operation will be merged into Central Welding Supply Co, but will maintain its name and identity as the "Beverage Gas Division of Central Welding Supply. "Delivery service to the region will continue uninterrupted going forward, as operational and delivery staff will remain in-place,” said Wilton. Offices and distribution will move from its original location on West Marginal Way S to 317 South Brandon St, Seattle WA 98108, effective June 1st 2009.

Says Wilton, "With this acquisition Central Welding Supply will be able to expand the product line, scope and service area of Compressed Gas Western, with beverage gas services now available through all of Central Welding Supply's Puget Sound locations.” Central Welding Supply will launch an online presence for the new division at <http://www.CompressedGasWestern.com>.

The addition of Compressed Gas Western to the Central Welding Supply family brings nearly 6000 asset/rental cylinders and adds over \$750,000.00 in annual beverage gas revenues, and completes the Central Welding Supply gases offering including industrial, medical, high purity, specialty, cryogenics and now beverage gas services.

### **ABOUT CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY**

Central Welding Supply has been locally owned and operated since 1975. The company has grown from one small store to thirteen locations, three divisions, and nearly 100 dedicated and experienced employees. Existing Central Welding Supply retail locations include Ballard, Bellingham, Issaquah, Seattle, Port Townsend, Woodinville, Marysville, Everett, Burlington, Renton, and Lynnwood, WA.

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**AFFILIATED DIVISIONS ON THE INTERNET:**

[WWW.CENTRALWELDING.COM](http://WWW.CENTRALWELDING.COM)

Provides information and services for our customers throughout the Puget Sound area.

[WWW.WELDERS-DIRECT.COM](http://WWW.WELDERS-DIRECT.COM)

Welders-Direct, is an internet sales division devoted to providing welding equipment to home-hobbyists and small businesses throughout the United States.

[WWW.XPRESSCRYOGENICS.COM](http://WWW.XPRESSCRYOGENICS.COM)

The XpressCryogenics division, based in Seattle, WA, serves cryogenic bulk and specialty gas customers, including a truck fleet providing on-site express fill services.

[WWW.COMPRESSEDGASWESTERN.COM](http://WWW.COMPRESSEDGASWESTERN.COM)

Compressed Gas Western is the new beverage gas division, that will provide services through all of Central Welding Supply's Puget Sound location.

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