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Central Welding Supply Enhances Distribution Network

MARYSVILLE, WA, April 11, 2013 – Dale Wilton, President & CEO of Central Welding Supply, today announced enhancements to the company's distribution network with the addition of a new hardgoods warehouse. The new warehouse is located in Smokey Point, WA and became fully-operational in early March, 2013.

"Smokey Point is the ideal location for our centralized hardgoods warehouse operation. The new building is adjacent to our Fill Plant, Cylinder Maintenance Facility, Corporate Headquarters, and Smokey Point Retail store," said Dale Wilton. The 17,000-square-foot facility provides warehousing of over \$1M in filler metals, welding accessories, safety supplies, new cylinders, and rental equipment for all Central Welding Supply retail store operations, as well as providing additional storage for bulk, microbulk, and cryogenic equipment utilized throughout the Puget Sound Region. .

"Previously our central hardgoods warehouse had been located adjacent to our Everett, WA branch location, but as a result of continued growth in all aspects of our business we needed to add capacity to our warehousing operations," Wilton said. "Though it's a considerable investment, the new location, now connected with our existing cylinder distribution system, will also allow us to provide any warehouse item to most branch locations 'next day' or sooner, providing even more responsive customer service and faster delivery of all welding and safety related products."

ABOUT CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY

Central Welding Supply celebrates a rich history in the Puget Sound area that began in 1975 as a small start-up begun by Founder, Mickey Wilton. Today, the Central Welding Supply family of companies has grown to 18 retail locations, seven divisions, nearly 200 dedicated employees, and over \$60M in annual revenues in the Puget Sound region.

Central Welding Supply retail locations include Anacortes, WA, Ballard, WA, Bellingham, WA, Burlington, WA, Everett, WA, Lynnwood, WA, Port Townsend, WA, Redmond, WA, Renton, WA, Seattle, WA, Smokey Point, WA, Woodinville, WA, and Tukwila, WA.

Wholly-owned subsidiary, Pacific Welding Supplies, operates five locations including: Auburn, WA, Bremerton, WA, Chehalis, WA, Olympia, and Tacoma, WA, as well as the Rental Center in Auburn, WA and a Cylinder Distribution Center in Tacoma, WA.

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AFFILIATED DIVISIONS ON THE INTERNET

<http://www.centralwelding.com>

Provides product and service information for Central Welding Supply and Pacific Welding Supplies customers throughout the Puget Sound region.

<http://www.welders-direct.com>

Internet sales division providing welding equipment to home-hobbyists and small businesses throughout the United States

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