



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Central Welding Supply Acquires Cascade Distribution LLC**

**MARYSVILLE, WA, August 31, 2009** – Dale Wilton, President & CEO of Central Welding Supply, announced today the acquisition of Cascade Distribution LLC. Cascade Distribution, founded by Roy Bletko in 2004, primarily provided helium and other gases to regional grocery chains, floral departments, as well as for special events.

“We are very familiar with their operations, area, and customers,” said Wilton, “so the transition will be largely transparent to existing customers.” Central Welding Supply vehicles and staff have managed Cascade Distribution’s deliveries over the past few years. Going forward, delivery and dispatch patterns will remain unchanged, and the existing customer service number will remain active at 425 836-4314.

“The Cascade acquisition represents an expansion of gas delivery services for Central Welding Supply in the Puget Sound region, and is expected to increase annual industrial and specialty gas revenues by \$250K,” said Wilton.

#### **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 more than 100 dedicated and experienced employees. Existing Central Welding Supply retail locations include Ballard, Bellingham, Anacortes, Issaquah, Seattle, Port Townsend, Woodinville, Marysville, Everett, Burlington, Renton, Redmond, 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 serves as the beverage gas division of Central Welding Supply, supplying beverage gases, delivery, and systems to business throughout the Puget Sound area.

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