



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Central Welding Supply Expands Services with Acquisition of Precision Welder & Engine Repair

**MARYSVILLE, WA, October 12, 2010** – Central Welding Supply announced today the acquisition of Precision Welder & Engine Repair. “Through Central’s new Precision Welder Repair Division, we will continue the tradition of quality repair services that began 17 years ago, by Precision Welders founders, Dave and Wendy Kruger,” said Dale Wilton, President & CEO of Central Welding Supply Co Inc. Services include quality repair of all makes and models of welding equipment, including: engine drives, electric welders, plasma cutters, wire feeders, track burners, mig guns, and standard welder accessories.

All of the Precision customer service staff and repair technicians will remain a part of the organization. Factory trained and certified service technicians offer factory certified warranty repair of Miller, Lincoln, Thermadyne, Thermal Arc, Hobart, Thermal Dynamics, ESAB, MK, Onan, Briggs & Stratton, Kohler, Silicon Stud Welders and Robin Subaru products.

The location and contact information for the repair facility and customer service will remain unchanged as follows:

Central Welding Supply Co Inc  
Precision Welder Repair Division  
4429 Airport Way S  
Seattle WA 98108  
(206) 382-6227 Phone  
(206) 621-8870 Fax

The Precision acquisition represents an enhancement of Central Welding Supply’s welding supplies and industrial services in the Puget Sound region, and is expected to increase welding supplies and hardgoods revenues by approximately \$500K annually.

### ABOUT CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY

Central Welding Supply marks its 35th anniversary in 2010, celebrating a rich history that began in 1975 as a small start-up begun by Founder, Mickey Wilton. Today, Central Welding Supply has grown to nineteen locations, six divisions, two operating companies, and over 175 dedicated and experienced employees. Existing Central Welding Supply retail locations include Anacortes, WA, Ballard, WA, Bellingham, WA, Burlington, WA, Everett, WA, Issaquah, 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 TEC 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 information and services for our customers throughout the Puget Sound area

<http://WWW.PACIFICWELDING.COM>

Provides information and services for our customers in southern Puget Sound

<http://WWW.WELDERS-DIRECT.COM>

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

<http://WWW.XPRESSCRYOGENICS.COM>

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

<http://WWW.COMPRESSEDGASWESTERN.COM>

Beverage gas division serves customers through all of Central Welding Supply's 19 Puget Sound locations

<http://WWW.CENTRALMEDICALGASES.COM>

Offering an extensive supply of medical and specialty gas products and equipment with a wide range of portable cylinder options, as well as configuration of gas system installations for large scale applications.

<http://WWW.CENTRALSAFETY.COM>

The Central Safety division provides occupational safety products, in addition to resources that support safety management, training, and compliance with safety regulatory standards.

<http://WWW.PRECISIONWELDER.COM>

The Precision Welder Repair Division of Central Welding Supply offers comprehensive repair for a broad range of welding equipment, by factory trained and certified repair technicians.

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