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Electrochem Announces Rechargeable Cells for High Temperature Operating Environments

Electrochem secondary cells expected to operate reliably under harsh environmental conditions

HOUSTON, TX., May 2, 2005 -- Electrochem Commercial Power, a leading manufacturer of lithium battery packs and cells used in extreme environments, and a business of Wilson Greatbatch Technologies, Inc. ("WGT") (NYSE:GB), announced today the development of rechargeable cells for high temperature environments, at the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston, Texas, May 2-5, 2005.

Electrochem primary lithium cells have been widely used for demanding applications such as petroleum exploration because of their ability to operate reliably even thousands of feet under the earth's surface, where operating temperatures may exceed 150 degrees Celsius. Secondary cells will be highly desirable for these applications because they can be recharged on-site. In addition, high temperature rechargeable cells will provide reliable power source for "smart wells" and other new technologies that require remote installation in harsh environments.

The Electrochem development team, led by Dr. Arden Johnson, anticipates that this new rechargeable cell will operate reliably under conditions with extreme temperature, shock and vibration. The rechargeable Electrochem cell is currently under development and will be available for prototype sampling in 2006.

"Being the first to develop a rechargeable cell capable of operating at high temperatures is further testament to Electrochem's commitment to providing customers with battery power for their demanding applications," says Matthew Randazzo, Director of Sales and Marketing at Electrochem.

About Electrochem Commercial Power

Electrochem, a business of WGT, is a world leader in the design and manufacture of lithium batteries and packs. For over 25 years, Electrochem has been committed to providing high-performance lithium cells and battery packs for demanding applications such as oil and gas exploration, pipeline inspection, military, telematics, oceanography and seismic surveying. Electrochem manufactures a wide range of lithium battery types, sizes and chemistries. Electrochem products are sold worldwide through Original Equipment Manufacturers and distributors. Additional information about Electrochem is available at www.electrochempower.com

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