



# **Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services**

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PRESS RELEASE

## **7layers acquisition accelerates Bureau Veritas' development in the wireless and mobile industry**

**Hong Kong, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013** – Bureau Veritas is pleased to announce it has completed the acquisition of 7layers, a specialist in wireless electronic products testing, certification and engineering solutions, headquartered in Germany.

7layers' expertise, global coverage and established position will complement Bureau Veritas' existing presence within global brands and their supply chains.

This acquisition positions Bureau Veritas as a global leader in wireless testing, almost doubling its footprint in a fast growing market. The wireless testing market will continue to experience significant growth for years to come, especially with continued innovation in the Machine to Machine (M2M) and telecommunications sectors.

Since its foundation in 1999, 7layers has been offering integrated solutions to mobile device manufacturers, suppliers of electronics parts as well as telecommunication network operators. The company provides testing services to assess security, reliability, functionality and interoperability of a wide range of mobile devices as well as certification and engineering services.

Headquartered in Ratingen, Germany, 7layers employs 220 highly qualified employees and has engineering centers and accredited laboratories in Germany, China, South Korea, and the United States as well as representations in Japan, Taiwan and South Europe. Its 2012 revenue is estimated at €24 million.

Oliver Butler, Bureau Veritas' Executive Vice President, Consumer Products, added: "I am delighted to welcome Dr. Hans-Juergen Meckelburg, the President & CEO of 7layers, his leadership team and all the staff of the 7layers group to Bureau Veritas. The combination of 7layers' technology know-how coupled with our Electrical & Electronics footprint creates a world class global technical and service delivery network. Our comprehensive offering will support our clients seeking to improve time to market, and supply chain efficiency. It will also enable their products and services to meet the ever increasing demands of a smarter world."

Hans-Juergen Meckelburg, President & CEO of 7layers added: "7layers has been a sought after partner of the mobile industries for many years. By joining forces with Bureau Veritas, the services and products of 7layers reach out to the growing number of industries, involved in the increased usage of wireless communication in all areas of modern life. The developments towards a smarter world with ubiquitous connectivity provide astonishing opportunities if aspects like security, safety and interoperability are sufficiently taken care of. Bureau Veritas together with 7layers are in an ideal position to provide the necessary engineering support, testing and certification services to make these developments a success for all parties involved."



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## Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services Head Office Relocation Announcement

Strategically located in Hong Kong, Bureau Veritas CPS takes great pleasure to announce that our Head Office will be relocating to Octa Tower in Kowloon Bay with effect from **28 January 2013**. All our laboratory operations in Kwai Chung and Kowloon Bay locations remain unchanged.

Our new Head Office in Octa Tower spread over 35,000 square feet has been designed with environmentally aligned objectives in line with our global sustainability goals.

Located next to our laboratory in the Pacific Trade Centre in Kowloon Bay, our new office in Octa Tower will bring our core activities together, enhancing our service quality and efficiency to clients.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you to our new Bureau Veritas CPS' Head Office.

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*PRESS RELEASE*

## **Bureau Veritas Releases Key Enhancements to Its Product Technical Folder Solution**

**New York, USA, February 4, 2013** – Bureau Veritas is pleased to announce the release of two important enhancements to its Product Technical Folder (PTF) solution. Product Technical Folder is a component of the OneSource Suite, Bureau Veritas' proprietary web-based information management solution for the consumer products industry.

Product Technical Folder is a web-based risk and document management system, which has been purposely built for use by Retailers and their Supply Chain. A key focus is the efficient management of both regulatory and quality related documentation. The new enhancements to PTF, CPSIA Automation and Supplier Portal, provide an increased level of functionality to clients, both relieving them of much work and putting 'Expert Knowledge' at their fingertips.

### **PTF CPSIA Automation**

This new functionality enables users to quickly and easily produce and manage the creation, distribution and maintenance of a product's General Certificate of Conformity (GCC) and associated Production/Periodic Testing Plan (PTP).

### **PTF Supplier Portal**

Obtaining documentation from several layers deep with a supply chain can be a time consuming exercise. PTF's new Supplier Portal enables every player in the supply chain to create their own web-based Supplier Portal. No user set-up is requested - only an email address is required.

As Rohit Kamat, Vice President, Supply Chain & Information Solutions, states: "One of the primary benefits of Product Technical Folder for companies is its ability to automate and streamline document storage and tracking – a process that for many companies today is manual and labor intensive. Product Technical Folder helps companies to focus more on their business by eliminating administrative tasks. In addition, the capabilities of Product Technical Folder can help companies not only to meet regulatory requirements for document storage but also to increase operational efficiencies and facilitate risk management. As part of the OneSource Suite web platform, this solution integrates with the various other components of OneSource to provide further enhancements for cost reduction and business process management."

### **More on Product Technical Folder**

With functionality based on the needs of leading consumer products companies, Product Technical Folder is highly customizable and provides a complete solution for companies to meet document storage and product technical file requirements for regulations, such as the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's Reasonable Testing Program and the European New Toy Safety Directive, along with offering capabilities that effectively allow companies to monitor quality assurance activity throughout the product life cycle.



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PRESS RELEASE

## **MIRA and Bureau Veritas Collaborate to Support Asia Automotive Supply Chain**

*~ Leading EMC consultancy and test house combine to deliver total solution ~*

**Hong Kong, China, 19 February 2013** - MIRA and Bureau Veritas are pleased to announce that they have formed a collaboration to offer turnkey EMC services to the Asia automotive supply chain.

MIRA, a global leader in transport engineering will offer technical support, consultancy and engineering solutions while Bureau Veritas will perform testing for Asian suppliers from its Shanghai test laboratory which has been assessed and accredited by MIRA.

This relationship strengthens MIRA's presence in China and complements Bureau Veritas' existing portfolio of independent test laboratory services. Both parties already deliver a range of EMC services testing to the following requirements:

- UNECE Regulation 10
- EEC Automotive Directive 72/245/EEC
- EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

Bureau Veritas and MIRA both enjoy leadership positions in the automotive industry. Bureau Veritas' automotive business delivers services as diverse as ecodesign / life cycle analysis; failure analysis; audits and inspections; ISO/TS 16949 certification; vehicle inspection and damage tracking support; vehicle claim inspections support as well as EMC, analytical and reliability testing.

MIRA, meanwhile, provides a wide range of consultancy services including vehicle and test engineering; unmanned and autonomous vehicle technology; low carbon and intelligent mobility; functional safety and certification and homologation services from its offices in the UK, South America and Asia. MIRA's UK headquarters is home to one of the world's most advanced proving grounds and over 35 major test facilities which includes Europe's largest EMC capability.

Catherine Chen, Bureau Veritas' Global Product Line Leader for automotive supply chain services stated, "Bureau Veritas has been delivering EMC, reliability and analytical testing services to the automotive supply chain for many years now from our centers of excellence in USA, France and China. However, with the ongoing globalisation of the automotive supply chain



and expansion in fast growing markets such as China and India, we continue to develop our automotive services expansion strategy. Following the recent acquisitions of ECL, an EMC test house in Germany, and Davis, a reliability test house in Shanghai earlier this year, the collaboration with MIRA, one of the world's leading vehicle engineering consultancy companies with global OEM recognition, demonstrates our commitment in delivering added value test services to the automotive supply chain."

Declan Allen, MIRA's Operations Director continued, "With a trusted, worldwide presence, the partnership with Bureau Veritas will help us further progress our goal of expanding our services to the global automotive market. Through this collaboration we now have the platform to proactively support the automotive supply chain of Asia in understanding and complying with the comprehensive range of EMC requirements needed for the global marketplace. As one of the leading EMC testing organisations in Asia, Bureau Veritas has a strong and established footprint and operation in Asia. With MIRA's technical and industry expertise, the total test and consultancy solution provides the supply chain in Asia with a trusted solution delivered from independent experts who understand the needs of global vehicle manufacturers."

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#### Notes to Editors :

MIRA Ltd. is a world-leader in advanced engineering, research and product testing. Over the past 65 years it has grown into a truly international organisation with facilities located around the world. MIRA's work spans the automotive, defence, aerospace and rail industries and includes the development of ground-breaking low carbon vehicle technologies.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Launch of the Commodities website section and New Inspectorate logo

**France, March 1st, 2013** - From March 1 2013, Inspectorate, will adopt a new logo. The new logo signals a move towards new branding while also highlighting Inspectorate's on-going operations within the Bureau Veritas Group.

Inspectorate will operate as a core part of Bureau Veritas' Commodities Division. Our customers can look forward to continued expertise and excellent customer service, supported by a global network and brand that is synonymous with quality, professionalism and integrity.

We wish to stress that these developments are simply to facilitate the evolution and deployment of Bureau Veritas' branding requirements across the Inspectorate businesses. All Inspectorate's legal trading entity names will remain unchanged, and as such, all Inspectorate's legal documents such as contracts, master service agreements, pricing agreements etc., will remain valid and the terms unchanged.

In step with Inspectorate's new branding - Bureau Veritas has also launched a new section of the corporate Website - featuring a comprehensive suite of bespoke services performed by Inspectorate and the entire Bureau Veritas Commodities Division.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### With the acquisition of LVQ-WP, Bureau Veritas further expands its footprint in Germany

**Neuilly-sur-Seine, France, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013** – Bureau Veritas is pleased to announce the acquisition of LVQ-WP, a German group specializing in non-destructive testing (NDT)<sup>1</sup> and industrial inspection services.

Founded in 1994, LVQ-WP is headquartered in Muelheim in the Rhein-Ruhr area, which is a strategic industrial cluster in Germany, and provides services to the power, process and manufacturing sectors in Germany and Eastern Europe. LVQ-WP currently has 120 highly qualified employees and its 2012 revenues totaled around EUR9 million.

In Europe, non-destructive testing and industrial inspection services represent an attractive market, estimated at EUR850 million with a growth rate of around 8% per year, in which demand is driven by the need to maintain the integrity of ageing infrastructure. The acquisition of LVQ-WP will enable Bureau Veritas to better serve German and Eastern Europe industries.

Following the acquisition of Pockrandt (NDT), UniCar Group (automotive inspection), ECL (electrical and electronic product testing), and 7layers (mobile and wireless electronics testing), this is the fifth transaction made by Bureau Veritas in Germany since early 2012.

These companies have significantly strengthened Bureau Veritas' capabilities and service portfolio on the German market, where the Group now has 950 employees.

<sup>1</sup> *Non-destructive testing is a group of analysis techniques used to evaluate the properties of a material, component or system without causing damage.*

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **New water discharge monitoring service offers a lifeline to textiles suppliers and big name brands**

**Hong Kong, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2013** – Textiles manufacturers faced with challenging new water discharge commitments have been handed a lifeline by quality assessment specialists Bureau Veritas. A new 'Zero Discharge' scheme from one of the world leaders in testing, inspection and certification services is designed to help the textiles industry clean up the world's waterways and achieve ambitious targets around environmental performance.

NGOs, environmental campaigners, national governments and international bodies are all putting pressure on companies to eliminate pollution of the world's waterways. Greenpeace has run a high-profile and successful campaign to stop industrial poisoning of waterways with hazardous, persistent and hormone-disrupting chemicals.

Retail companies know bad publicity around environmental risks can severely damage a brand, resulting in lower sales and profits. A raft of household name brands have signed up to a zero discharge commitment. Their suppliers, the majority based across Asia, must now also meet those commitments, or risk losing valuable contracts.

The pledge commits the brands and their suppliers to the public disclosure of discharge information and the elimination of hazardous chemicals including heavy metals (cadmium, lead, mercury, chromium (VI)), APEO (Alkyl Phenol Ethoxylates), phthalates as well as brominated and chlorinated flame retardants. The commitment sets the ambitious target of 'Zero Discharge' of hazardous chemicals by 2020.

In response to industry needs, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, the leading provider of safety, compliance and quality assurance services, has launched a Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals solution. The service helps companies know where they stand with regards to water pollution through establishing policies, environmental auditing, taking samples for collection and testing with detailed and extensive reporting. The service also includes establishing measures for continuous improvement.



Dr. Samuel Wong, Senior Director, Technical Consultation Office, Greater China of Bureau Veritas said, "Our new zero discharge service has been designed to help manufacturers eliminate pollution of waterways and demonstrate their environmental credentials so they can meet the needs of clients and remain part of the textiles supply chain. Water testing is one of the pillars of the service, with 11 priority chemicals initially targeted. To implement the service, we are able to utilise our network of specialist labs across Asia, with more to follow in the Americas and Europe."

For many decades, Bureau Veritas has worked successfully with top manufacturers and retailers around the world to help them better manage risk and regulatory compliance. For more information on Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services and its Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals services, please see [www.bureauveritas.com/cps](http://www.bureauveritas.com/cps).

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Bureau Veritas' Consumer Products Services division is a leading global quality assurance provider for the global consumer product and retail markets. It offers an array of Specialized services including testing, inspections, audits and engineering services for a wide range of consumer products including hard goods, toys and juvenile products, soft goods, premiums, electrical and electronic products, food products, health, beauty and household products.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Bureau Veritas Offers Industry Leading Testing Services for Revised Safety Standard for Window Coverings**

**Buffalo, USA, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2013** – Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (BVCPS) is pleased to announce that its US laboratory and its China laboratories in Shanghai and Shenzhen have launched their new testing services for window coverings. The new service was developed in response to the revised industry standard ANSI/WCMA A100.1 that includes several substantial changes. Not only do the changes affect both Roman shades and roll-up blinds, but they also affect all other corded window covering products. The standard is in effect currently and product is expected to be in manufacturing compliance by June 1, 2013.

The revised standard was introduced by the Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA) as a result of continued incidents of children becoming entangled in the cords of various window covering products. The new requirements include several new test methods to evaluate both the “accessibility” of cords and also the performance of the window covering. Some tests expand upon the entrapment hazard testing that was developed in the previous version of the standard, where as other new tests evaluate the performance of components on the window covering, through both UV testing and also a new impact test. These changes will potentially affect the product design, manufacturing and sale of these window covering products.

Having actively participated as a member of the WCMA technical committee and assisting with this latest standard revision, as well as working closely with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), BVCPS is proud to be one of the first testing provider in the industry to be able to offer full services to meet these requirements in our laboratories located in Buffalo, New York, USA and in Shanghai and Shenzhen in China.

Mr. Jeff Sendlak, Laboratory Supervisor of the Hardlines department at the BVCPS Buffalo, NY lab stated, “Corded window coverings have been the subject of mass recalls in both the US and Canada, and are included in the current international initiative pushing for safer window coverings. As such, it is important for manufacturers to understand what techniques best meet the new standard and how the revised requirements impact fabrication and test methods for corded window coverings. More importantly, they need to be prepared to meet the new requirements in the early design stage of product development.”



Jeff added: "Bureau Veritas has been an involved participant of both the CPSC and WCMA and will continue to support further development of window covering safety requirements. As the world's leading testing provider, our laboratories in the US and China are thoroughly experienced in the evaluation of corded window coverings and have implemented all appropriate measures to address these new changes."

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services Supports World Environment Day 2013



5 June, 2013, Hong Kong - Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (BVCPS) has announced it will again celebrate and support the World Environment Day (WED) on the 5<sup>th</sup> June. In line with this year's WED theme, "**Think•Eat•Save**", BVCPS is launching a company-wide campaign to encourage its global workforce to take part in conserving food resources through the reduction of foodprint / food waste as well as increasing awareness of the environmental impact of the food choices we make.

Activities scheduled to honor the World Environment Day around the world include:

- "**Fund Raising Campaign**": Hong Kong Head Office will organize a fund raising day on June 5 for its locations to raise funds for a local charitable food bank which serves the people in hunger and poverty in Hong Kong.
- "**Best Recipe Competition**": In the UK, Bureau Veritas' Warrington location is organizing a competition throughout May and June for employees to submit recipes made out of leftover food. The competition is a creative way to encourage cooking smarter and therefore reducing food waste. The winner will be awarded a prize of locally produced British organic products.
- "**Food Sharing Campaign**": The Germany locations will implement a "Food Sharing project" by which employees can bring in any surplus food to share with the staff to prevent food waste at home. On a regular basis, any surplus of the employees' soon-to-be-expired food supplies will be collected and donated to a local charitable organization for the homeless or people in need. This project aims to prevent food loss and waste due to its expiration.
- "**Plant a Tree**": In India, locations will organize plantations of Neem (*Azadirachta indica*) trees in the vicinity of our Noida and Gurgaon premises on 5 June. The objective is to conserve and promote biodiversity, and to help realize the full potential of Neem for conserving the planet as a living system. Neem is well known as "the curer of all ailments" for its diverse medicinal, insecticidal and anti-bacterial properties that are commonly used in many consumer products. Other locations including US, Bangladesh, Singapore and Malaysia will also organize tree plantings in their premises or nearby areas.



- **“Meat-free Day”**: Taiwan has implemented a regular “Meat-free Day” with a non-meat luncheon served during the first week of the month. For the 3rd consecutive year, this monthly event encourages employees to consider the effects of carbon emissions from food production and heightens awareness of individual’s carbon footprint, helping the team make informed decisions about food choices.
- **“Food Waste Awareness Talk”**: In France, there will be an event at the company restaurant to inform employees and raise awareness about the impact of food and packaging waste on the environment. For other European locations including Spain, Portugal, Russia where there is no company restaurant, a communication campaign on WED will be launched.
- **“Preserve Our Wetlands”**: The Buffalo location in the US will organize a visit to the local Tiff Nature Preserve to plant trees and shrubs as well as to remove invasive species on 7<sup>th</sup> June. For the fifth consecutive year, the Bureau Veritas’ volunteers will have participated in this activity to help preserve the ecological balance of the Nature Reserve, and to support related projects to enrich the Preserve.

**Other special events at locations around the globe include:**

- The carrying out of the best practice of **“Green Offices”** in all locations worldwide.
- The carrying out of various competitions including poster designs, slogan, speech photographs and painting contests, article submission, etc. for the best ideas regards the promotion of **“Think•Eat•Save”**.
- The organization of educational trainings related to foodprint by industry specialists.
- The implementation of **“Use your own lunch box and utensils”** campaigns.
- The monitoring and promotion of weight of lunch leftovers in the premises to draw awareness on food waste.
- The planting of vegetables and fruits as well as purchase of local produce.
- The organization of cleaning local parks and beaches to remove waste materials disposed by people.
- The circulation of an email notice of WED to employees to promote **“Think•Eat•Save”**.
- The use of an electronic slogan in email signatures and poster displays in the offices promoting **“Think•Eat•Save – Reduce Your Foodprint.”**

Oliver Butler, President of Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, commented: “It is estimated that a third of global food production is either wasted or lost. As a corporate citizen, Bureau Veritas is delighted to participate, and continue to contribute, to these WED initiatives promoting the importance of the conservation of food resources worldwide.” Oliver added: “As a trusted partner, Bureau Veritas actively supports our clients as they implement industry best practices throughout their supply chains, to continually improve quality, safety as well as environmental and social accountability compliance.”

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World Environment Day is an annual event that is aimed at being the biggest and most widely celebrated global day for positive environmental actions. Every 5th of June is officially designated World Environment Day. For more information: <http://www.unep.org/wed/>

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## Press Release

### **Bureau Veritas Opens Automotive Testing Laboratory in Tianjin, China**

**Tianjin, China, 27th June, 2013** – Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (BVCPS) is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new automotive testing laboratory in Tianjin, China in May, 2013.



Bureau Veritas' management, senior representatives from the China Government Authority, and hundreds of automotive OEM and component suppliers witnessed the opening ceremony of the new laboratory on 24<sup>th</sup> May. The laboratory occupies 3,000 square meters, staffed with experienced technical specialists. Complete with the latest equipment to provide comprehensive reliability testing services to the automotive supply chain in North China. The services offered includes material testing, automotive electronics performance testing, durability testing as well as analysis on how environmental factors affecting the functioning of automotive equipment and components from R&D to production.

According to Henri He, General Manager, Automotive Product Line of China, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, "Strategically located in Tianjin, the second largest city in North China where automotive manufacturing is one of the pillars of the local industry, the setup of this automotive laboratory is a key milestone of Bureau Veritas' expansion in Northern China." Mr. He added: "Complementing our EMC and reliability testing laboratories located in Shanghai, this new Tianjin automotive laboratory further strengthens Bureau Veritas' leading position in automotive testing while demonstrating our commitment in supporting and delivering value-added services to the automotive supply chain in China."

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## **Bureau Veritas Announces Sargam Laboratory Private Limited Name Change**

**Hong Kong, 18th July, 2013** – Bureau Veritas' Consumer Product Services division (BVCPS) acquired Sargam Laboratory Private Limited (SLPL) in Chennai, India in 2011. The Sargam Laboratory has now been completely integrated with Bureau Veritas Consumer Product Services (I) Pvt. Ltd.

The Sargam Laboratory Private Limited (SLPL) has changed its name to Bureau Veritas Consumer Product Services (I) Pvt. Ltd. ("BVCPS India") with effect from June, 2013. As a result of this acquisition, BVCPS India has further strengthened its network of laboratories in 5 major locations in India – Noida, Gurgaon, Bangalore, Tirupur and the latest laboratory facility in Chennai.

The BVCPS' Chennai facility is located near the Thiruvika Industrial Estate where it is easily accessible from the industrial areas around the city. The Chennai lab supports a wide range of testing services in the areas of food and agri-products, water, metals, environment, microbiological, pharmaceuticals including ayurvedic, and natural products. Advanced services include testing clinical specimen using ICP MS for toxic trace metals and food / agricultural products for pesticide residues, drug residues and natural toxins to meet national and international requirements.

BVCPS' Chennai facility is a state of the art analytical laboratory accredited by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India under the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) under ISO/IEC 17025 in the fields of chemical and biological testing. In its three decades of existence, the Chennai laboratory has been providing reliable, timely and cost effective analytical services to meet a variety of testing needs. Its strict adherence to quality standards, well trained staff and advanced instrumentation ensure the accuracy and reliability of the tests. The testing instruments are calibrated by NABL-accredited calibration laboratories.

The Chennai lab has been recognised by MoEF, approved by AYUSH, Government of India, FSSAI, Drug Control Authorities, and AGMARK Certification for Export Products and for Organic Certification.



Additionally, the lab has obtained approval /recognition from:

- BIS for testing packaged drinking water and containers and feeding bottles,
- APEDA for testing fruits and vegetables, nuts and nut products,
- EIC for testing marine, dairy, water for food industry, and
- RMP for eggs.

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## Press Release

### **Bureau Veritas becomes the first product test lab in India to achieve LEED Gold Certification**

**Noida, India, 19th August, 2013** – Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services' Noida laboratory in India has become the first Product Testing Laboratory in India to be certified as LEED Gold by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).

| LEED Scorecard                  |   | Grid 47115 |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|
| 1. SUSTAINABLE SITES            | ✓ | ✓          |
| 2. WATER EFFICIENCY             | ✓ | ✓          |
| 3. ENERGY & ATMOSPHERE          | ✓ | ✓          |
| 4. MATERIAL & RESOURCES         | ✓ | ✓          |
| 5. INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY | ✓ | ✓          |
| 6. INNOVATION                   | ✓ | ✓          |
| 7. REGIONAL PRIORITY CREDITS    | ✓ | ✓          |

This is a prestigious award for the Noida location, being both the India headquarters for the Consumer Products Services division of Bureau Veritas as well as a major laboratory addressing multiple consumer products being sold to markets worldwide. Its broad range of services include testing, audit, inspection & training services for the textile, apparel, leather & footwear, toys, furniture, electrical & electronic appliance and food product markets.

LEED is the “defacto” standard for green buildings, developed and administered by the USGBC. The USGBC’s core purpose is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling a socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System addresses sustainable design criteria under six main categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, as well as, innovation in design.

Bureau Veritas excelled in many of the categories including full marks in the water efficiency category resulting in excess of 40% water savings based on baselines calculated for the tenant spaces (not including irrigation). Another of the successes was in the use of low-emitting materials such as adhesives and sealants, paints, coatings and flooring systems.

Paromita Roy, Country Chief Executive at Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services in India, commented, “As a global leader in supply chain quality, safety and sustainability management services, we are delighted to report this major success within our own location. In the spirit of



LEED, the enthusiasm and dedication within our team was fantastic, so much so we raised the bar and decided to go for a Gold rating. I must express thanks to the whole team, including Prabhat Srivastava, Senior Manager from the Engineering Department, who was instrumental in driving the project to its successful conclusion.”

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## Press Release

### Bureau Veritas CPS Head Office in Hong Kong Achieves LEED Gold Certification

**Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2013** – Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services' Head Office in Kowloon Bay has been certified as LEED Gold by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC).



This is a prestigious award for the recently inaugurated Kowloon Bay location, being the global Head Office for the Consumer Products Services division of Bureau Veritas and supporting its sustainability service portfolio.

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Some of Bureau Veritas’ achievements in meeting the Gold rating include:

- Lighting Power: 35%+ reduced lighting power density when compared to the standard (ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007)
- Green Power: Use of grid-source, renewable energy technologies on a net zero pollution basis
- Equipment & Appliances: 90% of all appliances installed are ENERGY STAR Qualified Equipment / ENERGY STAR Eligible Equipment
- Water Use reduction: Strategies employed that in aggregate use 30% less water than the water use baseline calculated for the tenant spaces
- Increased Ventilation: Provision of additional outdoor air ventilation to improve indoor air quality for improved occupant comfort, well-being and productivity



Doreen Chiu, VP, Global Human Resources at Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services and executive sponsor for the project, commented, “As a major player in sustainability solutions, we are delighted to report this major success following on from our LEED Gold rating in our Noida location in India. Only a few months after moving head office, we are happy to provide for a better work environment as well doing our bit to help protect the natural resources of our planet.”

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### **Bureau Veritas participates in the Photovoltaic (PV) Taiwan Expo 2013**

14<sup>th</sup> October 2013, Taiwan, Bureau Veritas is pleased to sponsor and participate in the upcoming Photovoltaic (PV) Taiwan Expo from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Organized by TAITRA, SEMI and TPVIA, the Photovoltaic (PV) Taiwan Expo is considered as one of largest Asia international PV exhibition that provides a perfect sourcing platform for exhibitors to showcase the latest PV products and for visitors to get abreast of the latest R&D breakthroughs and products that would shape the future developments. Annually, the Expo attracts more than 200 exhibitors, and over 8,000 visitors from more than 67 countries.

To echo the trend towards environmental friendliness, Bureau Veritas' booth in the Expo is going to be designed with well use of recycled paper tubes and green potted elements. Our technical specialists will present Bureau Veritas' latest *"One-Stop" solar energy and photovoltaic products testing and certification solution* to the delegates and how we can assist customers to gain competitive advantages for their products to be sold in this ever-changing and demanding marketplace.

Mr. Tarik Mahammed, Vice President of Bureau Veritas, Consumer Products Services, Electrical and Electronic Business Line, Asia region says, "Taiwan's photovoltaic (PV) manufacturers are ranked in the top position of global solar energy industry for excellent power system design and manufacturing capabilities. Bureau Veritas is delighted to take part in this annual industry Expo where it facilitates us to present our comprehensive testing and certification services for PV products to these target audiences." Tarik added: "As an integral part of the industry supply chain, Bureau Veritas is responding to the global trend of adopting clean energy by providing guidance on development strategies and introducing new business models to meet the market's demand for certified products. In terms of the scope of certification, our services support the clients to meet the requirements of both international and national standards whilst providing them with localized quality services."

Come and visit us at our booth. Let us show you how Bureau Veritas' "One-Stop" solar energy and photovoltaic products testing and certification solution can support you and your products to speed to market and reduce risks in an effective manner.



### **Bureau Veritas' Booth Information**

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 Taipei, Taiwan ([Map](#))  
 Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013  
 Time: 9:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM  
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### **About Bureau Veritas Consume Products Services, Electrical and Electronic Business Line (Bureau Veritas CPS E&E)**

Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services' Electrical & Electronic Business Line provides comprehensive certification & testing solutions for electrical and electronic products. A core focus is a "one-stop" approach helping clients shorten the time to market for their products. Bureau Veritas has a comprehensive testing, inspection and certification service portfolio covering electromagnetic compatibility (EMC), safety, radio frequency, telecoms, GCF/PTCRB, WiMAX, Wi-Fi, OTA, battery, grid connection, environmental simulation and eco-design. Bureau Veritas' business covers multiple industries: IT equipment, Audio Video products, Mobile devices, communication products, wireless products, household products, battery products, power supply products, lighting products, industrial, scientific and medical devices and photovoltaic inverters. Website: <http://ee.bureauveritas.com.tw>

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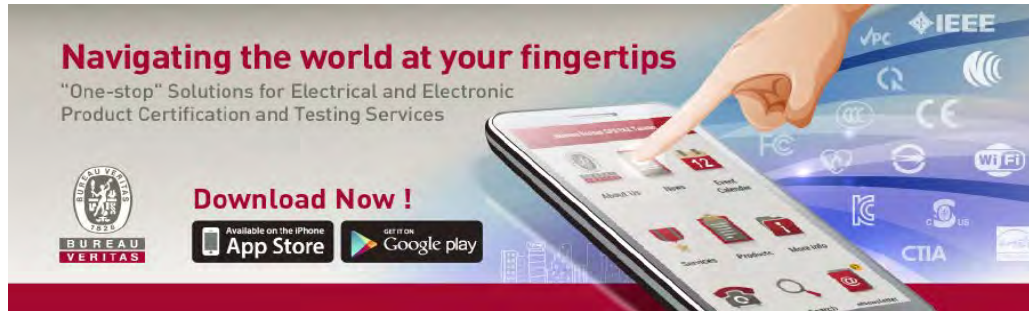
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## Press Release



### **Bureau Veritas launches the first product testing information mobile app in Taiwan ~ The latest regulatory and technical developments at your fingertips ~**

**17<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, Hong Kong** – With the continuing prevalence of smartphones, mobile apps are not only widely adopted by consumers, but increasingly by business users too. In support of this evolving trend, Bureau Veritas is pleased to announce the launch of its electrical and electronics market access mobile app tool -- **“BVCPS E&E Taiwan APP”**, the first of its kind in Taiwan.

Developed by Bureau Veritas, the **BVCPS E&E Taiwan APP** provides a convenient platform for users to instantly access all the latest technical and regulatory developments affecting the electrical and electronics marketplace. Information contained includes:

- a comprehensive and evolving database of technical market access information addressing test requirements, regulatory agencies, links, labeling, and more for many product categories
- global regulatory updates, pushed to a user’s smartphone as they are added
- details of all the latest upcoming technical seminars and events organized by Bureau Veritas
- corporate news covering the scope of services and products, press releases, location maps

According to Mr. Tarik Mahammed, Vice President of Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, Electrical and Electronic Business Line, Asia region, “Bureau Veritas strives for excellence that enables us to excel in the services and solutions we provide to meet our customers’ needs and the increasing demands of innovative products and services in the consumer electronics industry. ” Tarik added: “I am delighted to see the launch of this **BVCPS E&E Taiwan APP**, developed in response to the rapid technological changes in the smartphones market, enabling our clients to get the industry information and insights quickly helping them stay competitive in this global electronics market.”

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## Further Information about BVCPS E&E Taiwan APP

**BVCPS E&E Taiwan APP** is a "One-stop" Solution for Electrical and Electronic Product Certification and Testing Services that enables users to effectively navigate the complexities of accessing markets worldwide.

Users can access the **BVCPS E&E Taiwan APP**, by scanning these QR Codes below into their iPhone or Android phone. Alternatively, search for "Bureau Veritas" or "BVCPS E&E" at the Apple Store or Google play store sites. \*



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# Appendix

## Main Features of BVCPS E&E Taiwan APP:

1. **Services:** Introduction of Bureau Veritas' core services such as '**Testing & Certification**' and '**International Certification**.' '**Testing & Certification**' includes EMC (electromagnetic compatibility), RF (wireless and radio frequency), safety regulations, and other environmental-related testing / certification services
2. Learn about the requirements and standards of target markets with the '**International Certification**' feature. With the international certification services of Bureau Veritas, users can also consolidate the tests that users' products require and gain entry into the markets of over 150 countries.
3. **Products:** Bureau Veritas offers services in more than eleven product categories including I.T., AV, mobile devices, telecommunications, household appliances and battery products. Users can learn about the types of testing that Bureau Veritas provides for the products in these categories, as well as the regulatory requirements of various countries, in order to understand the related regulations of the relevant target markets. Users can meet the requirements of reliability testing using comprehensive range of testing / certification services and professional technical personnel offered by Bureau Veritas.
4. **News:** This feature contains information on global and regional regulatory / voluntary schemes, regulatory seminars and events organized by Bureau Veritas, as well as information on qualifications for various types of testing / certification services. Users can obtain information on product certification and important events at any time with this feature.
5. **Event Calendar:** Through the monthly calendar's simple user interface, users can view the upcoming seminars and other related events offered by Bureau Veritas. Also included is a brief introduction to the topics for each session and the biography of the speakers. Users can register instantly online by clicking the 'Enroll' icon at the top right-hand corner of the event details page. This way, users can schedule a full conference calendar and never miss any of these important events.
6. **eNewsletter:** This feature includes two main streams, '**eNewsletter Subscription**' and '**eNewsletter Overview**'. '**eNewsletter Overview**' archives important monthly information on the regulations and events offered by Bureau Veritas. Users can receive regulatory content anytime via their smartphone. The eNewsletter is a comprehensive source of global information. After submitting an application form via the '**eNewsletter Subscription**' function, the e-newsletter is instantly sent to users emails, bringing information anytime, anywhere.
7. **Contact Us:** Bureau Veritas has comprehensive facilities in Taiwan, China and Korea. The **MAP** icon under '**Contact Us**' provides a Google Maps link that instantly displays the locations of the various branches (GPS function on smartphone is required). Alternatively, users may contact Bureau Veritas (Electrical & Electronic Business Line) branches via the e-mail addresses and service hotlines provided.

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## **Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services Celebrates 10 Years of Service in the UK**

**Warrington, 4th December 2013** - Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (BVCPS), the global leading provider of safety, compliance and quality assurance services, is proud to be celebrating 10 years of service in the United Kingdom.

BVCPS UK, whose UKAS accredited testing laboratory is located in Warrington, Cheshire, has been helping retailers, brands, manufacturers and importers improve the quality, safety and compliance of their products since December 2003.

To celebrate this milestone, BVCPS UK has released a 5-minute anniversary video to thank its clients for their continued custom and loyalty and to highlight the pillars of its success: a wide scope of testing capabilities across many product categories at a single location, an excellent technical expertise, a friendly and efficient customer service, a highly experienced team and a personalised approach.

Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services UK currently employs 92 staff and since its entry on the British market, the company has developed six departments including toys, nursery, softlines, electrical, hardlines and analytical. The testing laboratory is approved by many of the UK high street retailers and provides access to a global network of 124 offices and laboratories.

Jonathon Thackray, Managing Director CPS UK, comments: "The consumer products market is very challenging and is moving at a fast pace; this is why our clients need a compliance partner who understand their requirements, who they can trust and who they can rely on. Our fresh, personal and professional approach, the experience and diversity of our people and our wide



scope of services have been instrumental to our success in the UK. I am really proud of what we have achieved in the past 10 year and I am looking forward to the next decade.”

The 10th year celebratory video can be viewed on the company’s YouTube channel (BVCPSUK) or by following this link: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_nzqf6ZkQcw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_nzqf6ZkQcw)

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## **BVCPS Guatemala Relocation Announcement**

**Buffalo, New York, December 11, 2013** - Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (BVCPS) is pleased to announce that its Guatemala laboratory has relocated to Paseo Cayala Building P-2 3rd level in Guatemala City. This move goes into effect on Monday, December 9, 2013.

The new location features one centralized office with a more efficient layout enabling a better workflow and improved communication between departments. The new lab is 1,100 square meters (11,840 sq-ft) in size and employs 55 people. An opening event is planned for January. More information to follow.

BVCPS Guatemala offers a comprehensive range of textile and apparel testing services including analytical testing. The Guatemala lab services the Central America region. BVCPS Guatemala also provides Inspections and Social Audit services for Mexico, Central and South America.

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## Press Release

### **U.S. CPSC Commissioner Ann Marie Buerkle Visits Bureau Veritas Buffalo Lab**

**Buffalo, New York, December 18, 2013** - U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Commissioner Ann Marie Buerkle visited the BVCPS Buffalo, New York lab on December 6. The purpose of the visit was to tour BVCPS' operations in Buffalo and receive an overview of the company and the consumer products testing and quality assurance industry. The Commissioner was accompanied by Nancy Lowery, CPSC Special Assistant and Matt Howsare, an Attorney with Mintz Levin.



During the lab tour, Commissioner Buerkle noted "I am very impressed with the scope of services offered here in Buffalo, the enthusiasm of the people and, most importantly, the overall knowledge and experience the Bureau Veritas staff has in term of product quality and safety."

BVCPS' James Keast, Vice President of Account Management, and Rick Rosati, Director, Technical Services, hosted the visit. BVCPS' Buffalo location is a full service lab offering testing, inspections, consulting and training for a full range of consumer products including hard goods, toys and juvenile products, soft goods, premiums, electrical and electronic products and health, beauty and household products.

The CPSC is an independent federal regulatory agency which has oversight of safety for more than 15,000 types of consumer products. The commission is charged with rule-making and enforcement of consumer product requirements in the United States.

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