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NLGI Pursues Future Grease Specifications

Liberty, MO - NLGI, a leading international organization for lubricating grease, announced today a collaboration with The Center for Quality Assurance (CQA) to define future grease specifications.

NLGI currently certifies grease through their Certification Mark program which includes the well-known GC-LB Performance Classification. This certification program has provided an internationally-recognized grease specification for grease and bearing manufacturers, users and consumers since 1989. Although originally conceived as an automotive chassis and wheel bearing specification, GC-LB is recognized as a mark of quality for grease specifiers. Due to advancements in materials, technologies and applications, NLGI recognizes that current applications may be better served by updated specifications.

Because NLGI's working groups are made up of volunteers from the industry, NLGI has contracted with The Center for Quality Assurance to interview and survey members of the grease industry to help define these new specifications and ensure that they meet the needs of today's grease-lubricated applications. "NLGI's board has moved quickly to implement this working relationship with CQA, and we look forward to creating new specifications for grease that are relevant with respect to newer bearings and applications as well as employing the best possible performance tests available. We hope that this will result in grease manufacturers being able to offer better products to the market and grease consumers having better guidance with respect to product performance.," stated Joe Kaperick, current president of NLGI.

The initial focus will be on updated specifications for a premium grease that could be used in a variety of bearings and applications which require similar lubricating properties. Additional specifications will be defined for high load, water resistance, corrosion resistance and long life applications. Future specification work may include grease for gear boxes, electric motors and other applications.

If you would like to participate in the interview process or track the progress of the specification development, please contact Grease@CenterForQA.com.

About NLGI: As a nonprofit trade association founded in 1933 by pioneers of the lubricating grease industry, the National Lubricating Grease Institute (NLGI) was established with the goal of providing education, scientific and technical information, expert advice, profitable partnerships and a global forum for ideas and innovation. The mission of the organization is “to provide resources relevant to the needs of the global grease community.” Learn more at www.NLGI.org

About CQA: The Center for Quality Assurance (CQA) has over 25 years of experience working with industry partners to advance technology through the design, development and administration of specification programs. Our vision is to be the global leader in providing knowledgeable and innovative programs and solutions that will enhance the quality and application of our client's products and create better experiences for consumers and users. Learn more at www.CenterForQA.com

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