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## **TÜV SÜD Canada Inc. Acquires Global Advantage International** *Product Safety Testing Capabilities Increased for Canadian Market*

**Toronto, Canada.** December 22, 2009 - [TÜV SÜD Canada](#), part of the global TÜV SÜD testing and certification organization, announces the acquisition of a product safety business in Toronto, Canada. [Global Advantage International](#) is a complete product safety and regulatory compliance solutions provider that has been helping companies throughout North America achieve certifications and listings internationally. Global Advantage supports NRTL, SCC, GS and CE Marking, CB scheme certification, 510(k), Field Evaluations, International Compliance Management, as well as the CCC mark for China. The 10,000 square foot lab serves a multitude of industries including medical and lab equipment, lightning, information technology, audio and video, and many others needing electrical safety solutions, and also provides service packages for EMC and Environmental requirements.

Garry Lee, the founder and manager of Global Advantage International, will continue its mission and lead the testing business for TÜV SÜD Canada: "Global Advantage International has earned a strong reputation in the North American marketplace and is highly regarded for its customer service. We are thrilled to join the TÜV SÜD group. Combining the two organizations will enable us to build on the TÜV SÜD mark by offering testing and certification according to NRTL, SCC, and other IEC standards to the benefit of our clients, reducing cost and turnaround time."

"TÜV SÜD's growing network of testing laboratories and services across the Americas enables clients to conveniently test their products and demonstrate their commitment to building safe and reliable products," states Karsten Xander, CEO and President, TÜV SÜD America. "The strategic acquisition of Global Advantage International strengthens our testing capabilities for the Canadian market and adds expertise, convenience, time savings, and cost reductions for our clients. We are excited to provide a regional presence for better service and even faster turnaround times," concluded Mr. Xander.

TÜV SÜD is recognized by Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs), accepted by major retailers, accredited by the SCC in Canada, is an OSHA Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL), and is a Notified Body in the EU. TÜV SÜD Canada can offer a wide variety of testing and certification services in our Toronto facility including, but not limited to, Machinery & Electronics, Medical/Health Products and Services, Consumer Products, Information Technology Products, Pressure Equipment, and more.

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**About TÜV SÜD Canada Inc.**

TÜV SÜD Canada offers a full suite of management system services, including ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO/TS 16949, AS9100, ISO 13485, ESD S20.20, OHSAS 18001, Food Services and ISO/IEC 27001 auditing services. TÜV SÜD Canada provides technical services in the following market segments: Industry, Products, and Transportation. Its service portfolio includes consultancy, verification, tests, expert opinions, certification, and training, addressing the issues of technical reliability, safety, quality, environmental protection, training, and effectiveness. For more information, please visit [www.tuvcanada.ca](http://www.tuvcanada.ca).

**About TÜV SÜD America Inc.**

TÜV SÜD America, a subsidiary of TÜV SÜD AG, Munich, Germany, is a leading globally recognized testing and certification organization that provides electromagnetic compatibility (EMC), environmental testing and product safety services, CE Marking assistance, [NRTL](#) and SCC certification, and performs European Union Notified Body services for a variety of EU directives. Additionally, TÜV SÜD offers a full suite of globally recognized Management System certification services including ISO 9001 and ISO 14001. For more information, please visit [www.TUVamerica.com](http://www.TUVamerica.com).

**About Global Advantage International Inc.**

Global Advantage International Inc., located in Toronto, Canada, was established in early 2000 to meet the needs of a growing consumer product safety market. By offering effective, timely, knowledgeable technical support to both the consumer products and medical device markets, Global Advantage has grown significantly. Product safety has been the Global Advantage specialty for several years, with a specific focus on electrical safety. Global Advantage International partners with Global EMC to provide the full range of product testing and EMC certification/verification solutions. For more information, please visit [www.globaladvantage.ca/index.php](http://www.globaladvantage.ca/index.php).