Intertek appointed for strategic partnership with the Quality and Conformity Council of Abu Dhabi

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London--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep 5, 2012--Intertek, a global leader in quality solutions serving a wide range of industries, has entered into partnership with the Abu Dhabi Government Quality and Conformity Council (QCC) to support the quality programme for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The long term partnership has different stages of activity. Intertek will initially provide advisory services for the development of more effective quality conformity schemes for specified products and systems. Following this, Intertek will provide operational management services and quality assurance support for QCC's existing testing and certification resources whilst underpinning the establishment of new testing capabilities for an extended range of products. Intertek will then work with QCC to establish centers of excellence in Abu Dhabi covering major sectors such as food and water, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, building materials and electrical appliances.

The Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council was established in 2009 by the Government of Abu Dhabi to increase quality of the UAE's exports and to assure quality of imports and domestic goods across many industries. In line with the Economic Vision 2030, the Emirate of Abu Dhabi is diversifying and broadening its economic base with a range of new industry, social, health, infrastructure and export development initiatives.

Intertek's selection by QCC recognises Intertek's capabilities as the leading provider of global quality solutions and its experience in delivering effective quality outsourcing programmes across diverse global markets and industries.

The programme will draw upon Intertek's extensive expert knowledge and laboratories in a range of industries including pharmaceutical and biopharmaceuticals safety and quality, medicine safety and authenticity, medical devices certification and testing, food safety and authenticity as well as consumer and commercial product quality. The programme will support the development of the Emirate's quality framework and products to meet higher expectations of quality and safety from its growing population.

QCC Secretary General, H.E Hussain Salem Al Katheeri said, "Directly in line with Abu Dhabi's 2030 Economic Vision, Intertek's guidance and technical support will underpin the development of the region's quality framework. This will enhance the quality of Abu Dhabi exports and those products traded locally whilst also serving to enforce higher quality and safety standards of imported goods for the protection of Abu Dhabi consumers. It will also help train local talent to continue the development of the Emirate's quality programme." Wolfhart Hauser, Intertek Chief Executive,

said: “We are honoured to be selected by the Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council to support the development of its quality programme in the Emirate. We look forward to partnering with QCC to implement a world-class quality framework that is responsive to the unique needs of their region and which will play a valuable role in its dynamic economy.” About Intertek Intertek (ITRK.L) is a leading provider of quality and safety solutions serving a wide range of industries around the world. From auditing and inspection, to testing, quality assurance and certification, Intertek people are dedicated to adding value to customers' products and processes, supporting their success in the global marketplace. Intertek has the expertise, resources and global reach to support its customers through its network of more than 1,000 laboratories and offices and over 33,000 people in more than 100 countries around the world. Visit www.intertek.com Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council The Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council was established by the government of Abu Dhabi to increase quality in the region’s exports/imports and domestic goods across all industries. Under the 2030 Economic Vision, the Emirate of Abu Dhabi is diversifying and broadening its economic base with a raft of new industry, social, health, infrastructure and export development initiatives. Visit: http://www.qcc.abudhabi.ae/english/index.htm

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