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**TÜV RHEINLAND PTL NAMED A FINALIST IN ARIZONA TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL'S
"2009 GOVERNOR'S CELEBRATION OF INNOVATION" AWARDS**

***Photovoltaic Test Lab Among the Top Three Contenders for the
"Innovator of the Year - Start-Up Company"***

NEWTOWN, CT and PHOENIX, AZ/September 1, 2009 — TÜV Rheinland PTL, LLC, North America's largest solar and photovoltaic testing center, has been named a finalist in the Arizona Technology Council's "2009 Governor's Celebration of Innovation" (GCOI) awards in the "Innovator of the Year – Start-Up Company" category. Finalists in this category have achieved significant business success as well as technical innovation or scientific achievements in the past calendar year.

TÜV Rheinland PTL is a unique partnership between Arizona State University, an institution with more than 50 years of research on solar energy and extensive solar testing know-how. TÜV Rheinland PTL tests and certifies renewable energy products including solar, wind, hydrogen and storage technologies. Today, the test lab, in tandem with TÜVRheinland's global network of photovoltaic testing labs, secures about 60 percent of the world's photovoltaic testing market.

"It's been exciting to see the evolution of this test center from a highly credentialed university research facility to an important member of the world's largest photovoltaic testing network," said Stephan Schmitt, president and CEO of TUV Rheinland North America Holding Company, a strategic

management organization that oversees all of TÜVRheinland's activities in North America. "Because of its expertise and business volume, TÜV Rheinland PTL has helped bring global attention to the state of Arizona as a leader in the solar energy market."

Winners will receive Arizona's highest honor for technology innovation on Nov. 19, 2009 at the Orpheum Theatre, 200 West Washington Street in Phoenix, Ariz. from 4 – 10 p.m. Tickets for the prestigious awards gala include the pre-award show cocktail reception, awards ceremony, strolling dinner and a VIP Backstage "Green Room" party can be purchased at <http://tinyurl.com/AZGCOI>.

About the Governor's Celebration of Innovation

The Governor's Celebration of Innovation was established in 2003 by combining two technology award ceremonies: the High Tech Industry Cluster's 17-year Innovator of the Year awards ceremony and the Arizona Software and Internet Association's 10-year "Celebration of Innovation." With the addition of the Governor's support, the Governor's Celebration of Innovation has become the premier technology community gathering of its kind in Arizona. For more information on GCOI, please visit <http://www.aztechcouncil.org>.

About TÜV Rheinland PTL, LLC

Based in Tempe, Ariz., TÜV Rheinland PTL, LLC is a leading provider of safety and performance testing, and market certification serving every sector of the photovoltaic marketplace, from the supply chain through installation. TÜV Rheinland PTL is a unique partnership between Arizona State University, an institution with more than 50 years of research on solar energy and extensive solar testing know-how, and TÜVRheinland®, a \$1.5 billion global provider of independent testing, assessment, and certification services. With an international network across six continents, TÜVRheinland® maintains the largest network of Solar Energy Laboratories worldwide, with five major laboratories on three continents. For more information, visit www.tuvptl.com.

About TÜVRheinland®

TÜVRheinland® delivers premier independent testing, assessment, and certification services to help companies gain access into global markets. Boasting an international network across six continents, the company's in-country experts ease the path to compliance with cost-effective pricing and quick turnaround times. The \$1.5 billion corporation is comprised of an international network of more than 13,300 employees in 61 countries and serves most industry sectors and markets worldwide. For more information, visit www.us.tuv.com.

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