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Proto Labs Secures ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 27001 Certification in Japan

Certification shows rapid manufacturing company's global commitment to quality, environmental, and information security

MAPLE PLAIN, MINN.—April 20, 2017—Custom prototyping and low-volume manufacturing company Proto Labs, Inc. (NYSE: PRLB) has acquired ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 27001 certification for its Japanese facility in Zama-shi, Kanagawa. The recent ISO (International Organization for Standardization) certifications further demonstrate Proto Labs' commitment to global standardization.

"By implementing quality, environmental, and information security management systems in accordance with the ISO criteria, our customers can have complete confidence in Proto Labs' processes," said Dr. Thomas H. Pang, President, Proto Labs G.K. "We are fully committed to addressing the needs of our customers engaging in product design and development by continuing to improve our services by applying these standardized management systems."

ISO 9001 is the quality management system (QMS) established under a family of international standards that work to enhance customer satisfaction by continuously improving quality of products and services. Proto Labs will now accelerate its evolution of its digital manufacturing technology and processes using the management system.

ISO 14001 is the environmental management system (EMS) that aims to comply with environmental regulations, reduce environmental impacts, and improve environmental management based on the concept of sustainability. The rapid manufacturing company already complies with the RoHS Directive (restricting the use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment) and regional rules and regulations and further aspires to focus on sustainability by minimizing its material usage, recycling used material, and implementing efficiencies throughout its operation.

ISO 27001 is the information security management system (ISMS) that ensures the company's commitment to continuously improving information security by identifying and assessing various risks associated with the management of organization's information. Proto Labs has implemented

rigorous security measures to manage both internal information and confidential information gathered from suppliers, customers, and clients.

Proto Labs opened its manufacturing facility in Japan in 2009 and has been steadily building its presence there, highlighted by the expansion of its new facility in 2016. By securing ISO certification, Proto Labs has the standardization in place to help them continue growing within the Japanese market and as part of the global digital manufacturing company.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs is the world's fastest digital manufacturing source for custom prototypes and low-volume production parts. The technology-enabled company uses advanced 3D printing, CNC machining and injection molding technologies to produce parts within days. The result is an unprecedented speed-to-market value for designers and engineers and an on-demand resource throughout a product's life cycle. Visit protolabs.com for more information.