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American Welding Society Opens Asian Offices

MIAMI, Fla., May 27, 2014 – The American Welding Society (AWS), a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the science of welding, announced today the opening of AWS Asia. Based in Hong Kong, China, with a second office in Beijing, AWS Asia will help serve AWS's growing Asian market.

In early May, AWS purchased the World Engineering Xchange International Limited (WEX Asia) office in Hong Kong. The office, located at Technology Park, Unit 2508, 25/F, 18 On Lai Street, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong, will now serve as AWS Asia's headquarters and Yoanne Lau will lead as Managing Director of AWS Asia. Bob Wing, CEO of WEX will assist with daily business operations as well as the strategic planning of AWS Asia. Employees will be based in both Hong Kong and Beijing.

"The opening of our new office in Hong Kong puts AWS in a better position to connect with our Asian members and customers," said Jeff Kamentz, corporate director, international sales, American Welding Society. "AWS Asia will not only promote AWS codes and standards in Asia, but all other AWS products including certification, membership, and online education."

As part of the AWS Asia introduction, AWS is now offering standard D1.1/D1.1M:2008 *Structural Welding Code – Steel*, translated into Mandarin Chinese for the greatly reduced price of \$130rmb (\$20usd). For a complete list of discounted AWS standards translated into Mandarin Chinese, please visit www.awsasia.org.

AWS Asia will exhibit at the Beijing Essen Welding and Cutting Fair, to be held on June 10 – 13, 2014 at the New Chinese Exhibition Centre in Beijing. AWS and AWS Asia staff will be on hand to provide more information on the Society.

About AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting process worldwide, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves nearly 70,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom."

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