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MTL Announces New Contracts, Capabilities and R&D

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Late in 2003, The Martin Testing Laboratories Division of Materials Technology Laboratories (MTL) received a US Government General Services Administration (GSA) Schedule Contract for Laboratory Services. This contract provides for any US government agency to acquire the Laboratory Services of MTL at pre-negotiated prices. Ms. Debbie Hu, VP of Operations stated, "I feel that our experience in aerospace testing and analysis is a great match for a number of Government Agency's needs and I'm sure this contract will facilitate business opportunities with these agencies."

MTL is also seeing increasing commercial work and in response to customer needs, has added Mechanical Testing under Liquid Helium (LHe) test capabilities to it's offerings. MTL President, Perry Martin stated, "Companies want accelerated testing with accelerated results and therefore requests for testing under extreme environments is increasing. We offer testing in pure Chlorine gas environments to address corrosion issues. We've tested electronic modules under explosive gas atmospheres to address safety issues. MTL has traditionally offered cryo-testing at Liquid Nitrogen (LN) temperatures and LHe cryo-testing is a natural next step for us. Liquid Helium testing is far from a drop-in addition however as LHe testing required a considerable upgrade to our testing systems." In addition to LHe, once all safety criteria have been addressed, MTL plans to offer immersion testing under liquid oxygen as well.

MTL R&D activities were very active in 2003 with the company developing 42 patent applications for individual material processes, compositions of matter, material applications or supplemental material technologies. This activity directly resulted in the spin-off of TRUOX Inc. which is currently at the seed-funding stage.

About MTL. MTL is a commercial full-service independent laboratory offering contract R&D, product assurance testing, and material assurance testing services. MTL captured the equipment and some of the key personnel of the Materials & Processes Laboratories at McClellan AFB when the base closed. For more information about MTL and MTL services, please visit www.martintesting.com. Or call (916) 920-4110.