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WELLER INTRODUCES WX 2 SOLDERING PLATFORM WITH ADVANCED FEATURES FOR EASE OF USE

Weller Soldering Unit on Display at IPC APEX EXPO, Booth #2183

SPARKS, MD (March 16, 2011)—Weller, a global leader in soldering solutions, today announced the new Weller® WX 2 control unit for professional soldering applications. The innovative design of the WX 2 control unit features a responsive antistatic touchscreen and intuitive user interface that increases efficiency and productivity. The WX 2's two-channel soldering system offers a variety of connectivity options and intelligent soldering tools for the most challenging soldering work on LED backplanes, solar applications and micro soldering joints.

“The new WX 2 is an innovation that Weller owes in large part to our customers worldwide who provide ongoing suggestions for improvement,” said Glenn Schindo, director of electronics for Weller. “The new features focus specifically on providing improved ease of use for customers. With the introduction of the new WX 2, Weller has raised the bar for soldering performance and set a new standard in the industry.”

Among the many new benefits of the WX 2 are:

- High capacity 240 W power supply allows simultaneous power for two 120W tools and heats up quickly
- Antistatic capacitive touchscreen is temperature and chemical resistant
- Menu navigation options include English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese, with additional languages available
- Improved visibility with graphic LCD visible from all angles
- Versatile connectivity options, including standard digital connection and decoupled robot connection
- Management of Weller fume extraction units and heating plates
- Multi-purpose USB port for fast, localized firmware updates
- Energy-saving sleep mode activated by sensor in the handle that detects when device is not in use
- Automatic standby sensor controls all connected accessories, including fume extractors and heated plates

The production power and flexibility of the new WX 2 control unit is optimized by a wide selection of WX tools and accessories. A variety of soldering tools, including soldering irons, tweezers, tips and safety rests, as well as fume extraction systems and heating plates, are available.

The new Weller WX 2 soldering platform will be on display throughout the IPC APEX EXPO (April 12-14, 2011) in Las Vegas at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center. Product specialists from Weller will be available in **Booth #2183** for product demonstrations and to answer end user questions.

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About Weller:

Weller, a premium tool brand from Apex Tool Group, creates soldering products that are innovative and designed for the future. Customers throughout the world recognize Weller's expertise in Soldering and Desoldering, BGA/QFP/SMT Repair, Hot Air Technology, and Fume Extraction. An extensive product portfolio includes lead-free soldering technology solutions as well as a wide range of accessories, such as dispensers and testers. More information is available at www.apexhandtools.com/weller.

About Apex Tool Group:

Apex Tool Group, LLC, based in Sparks, MD, is one of the largest worldwide producers of industrial hand and power tools, tool storage, drill chucks, chain, and electronic soldering products. Directly and through its subsidiaries, Apex serves a multitude of global markets, including automotive, aerospace, electronics, energy, hardware, industrial, and consumer retail. Apex markets its portfolio of diverse products under its own brand names in addition to being the principal manufacturer for several key private label products for certain retailers for many years. Additional information about Apex Tool Group is available at www.apextoolgroup.com.

Note to Editors: High-resolution product photography is available. Please contact Danielle Davis at ddavis@roseomm.com.