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HD ELECTRIC COMPANY of Waukegan, Illinois USA is pleased to announce the acquisition of Hi-Test Detection Instruments, Ltd. of Vancouver, B.C. CANADA and Hi-Test Detection Instruments, Inc. of Blaine, Washington USA. HD Electric Company purchased the 16-year-old company in November of 1999.

Hi-Test has been a leader in the development and production of portable, high voltage test equipment for the electrical power industry since 1984. The Hi-Test products join the already extensive HD Electric line of Electric Test & Measurement Products, Controls & System Measurement Products, Lighting and Utility Specialty Products.

Further Hi-Test product information is available by contacting:

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