

Baker & Associates Acquires Metaltest Inc.

*Metallurgical and Chemical Analysis Laboratory Acquisition Compliments
B&A Operational Excellence Business Unit.*

Seattle, Washington April 23, 2010 – Baker & Associates announced today the acquisition of a 100% controlling interest in Metaltest Inc. of Kent, Washington for an undisclosed amount. A metallurgical and chemical analysis testing laboratory, Metaltest serves large and small manufacturing companies across the nation and around the world.

The new relationship with Baker & Associates promises both organizations clear value multipliers. “The Metaltest acquisition is the next step in a strategic vision to create a full service Operational Excellence company.” Says Richard C. Baker, Managing Director and founder of Baker & Associates. “Our intention is to capture synergies with our MSA Process Improvement and Organizational Development Training business. With Metaltest, we are now able to offer high quality materials testing to our clients.”

Baker & Associates will provide expanded marketing opportunities to Metaltest through access to Baker’s clientele. An internationally recognized metallurgical and chemical analysis facility, Metaltest is led by General Manager, Blain Maki, an industry authority. “We plan to support Blain through an increased internet presence and white paper driven marketing.” Says Baker. “We’re also looking at expanding our services to include non-metal material testing.”

In addition to routine metallurgical testing Metaltest also provides failure analysis services. This root cause analysis includes multiple evaluations and metallurgical tests of the failed components to establish the origin of the failure, the failure mode, and provide recommendations to avoid future failures.

About Metaltest Inc.

Metaltest provides full service metallurgical testing including: chemical analysis, mechanical testing, hardness, metallurgical evaluation, microhardness testing, corrosion testing, and failure analysis. Metaltest serves a broad range of customers from prime aerospace contractors to small specialty manufactures. Metaltest is the only 100% ISO/IEC 17025 Certified and NADCAP accredited metallurgical and chemical analysis laboratory in Washington State.

About Baker & Associates

Baker & Associates provides Operational Excellence consulting to manufacturing companies world wide. Baker & Associates’ proven approach to operational and process improvement ensures success by identifying and implementing the activities, tasks and milestones necessary for successful execution. Baker & Associates’ clients have realized over \$1 billion in additional revenues, and over \$60 million in synergy savings.

Baker & Associates offers a wide range of services including Mergers and Acquisition Services, Process Improvement, Repositioning Management, Organizational Development Training and their own B Factor Series of developmental seminars.

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