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Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Invites PEARL to Sit on Electrical Maintenance Committee

AURORA, CO October 15, 2013 – The Canadian Standards Association (CSA), the primary industrial and commercial standards development body for Canada, has invited the Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League (PEARL) to sit on CSA's Technical Committee on Electrical System Maintenance. CSA's invitation comes after the association's decision last year to reference PEARL's electrical reconditioning standards in the first edition of CSA's Z463 Electrical Maintenance Guidelines.

"We hope to provide clear guidance on how commercial and industrial companies can integrate Z463 Electrical Maintenance Guidelines into their maintenance programs, and we thought PEARL would be able to help us with that in addition to providing technical guidance on the second edition, which is expected to be completed by 2018," explains Dave Shanahan, CSA Project Manager.

The new Electrical Maintenance Guidelines are part of three documents developed by CSA for electrical service and safety, including standards Z460 and Z462, which deal with energy control and lockout, and electrical safety, respectively.

CSA's Technical Committee on Electrical System Maintenance will include 50 people from all segments of the electrical marketplace, including regulators, users, and manufacturers. However, anyone with the requisite background in electrical service, maintenance, and safety can contact CSA with suggestions on how to improve the standard. CSA uses a consensus method to develop its standards, similar to the standards development processes used by American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), author of the National Electrical Code (NEC). PEARL was recently approved as an ANSI Accredited Standards Developer.

Today, CSA is putting the finishing touches on the first edition of its Electrical Maintenance Guidelines before they begin to promote the guidelines to industrial and commercial interests in Canada. The plan is to begin developing the second edition in 2015. In the meantime, members of the Technical Committee on Electrical System Maintenance will provide technical guidance and help answer user questions before they begin on the second edition. According to Shanahan, CSA hopes to eventually turn the Electrical Maintenance Guidelines into a regulator standard for Canada.

PEARL members interested in being PEARL's delegate to the committee should contact PEARL's Board of Directors at pearl@pearl1.org or by calling PEARL's headquarters at (877) 287-3275.

About PEARL:

Founded in 1997, the Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League (**PEARL**) creates, collects, and disseminates information, policies, procedures, and standards to ensure the proper recycling and reuse of electrical power equipment. Its 70+ corporate members must meet strict technical, safety, and operational requirements.



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