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Proto Labs, Inc. updates ISO status to 9001:2008

World's fastest manufacturer of custom prototypes achieves perfect audit score.

Maple Plain, Minn., April 13, 2009—Proto Labs, Inc. (www.protolabs.com), the global leader in rapid injection molding and quick-turn CNC machining, announces that it has recently completed its ISO 9001:2008 certification.

This certification recognizes that Proto Labs' two main services, First Cut (www.firstcut.com), which provides quick-turn CNC machining, and Protomold (www.protomold.com), which provides rapid injection molding, comply with the international quality standard for its manufacturing operations located in the United States.

The achievement demonstrates Proto Labs' commitment to continual improvement of its business practices and client satisfaction. "ISO 9001:2008 registration supports Proto Labs' focus on producing quality parts by maintaining an effective quality management system. The commitment of our ISO implementation team and the hard work of all of our dedicated employees resulted in the perfect audit score," says Brad Cleveland, CEO of Proto Labs, Inc.

Proto Labs obtained its ISO certification with the help of Quality Assurance Systems (www.imsn.com). "In more than twenty years as an IRCA certified ISO 9001 assessor, I have rarely seen such a perfect example of how the standard should be implemented. Proto Labs has developed a seamless use of software and electronic documents to support the quality management system, involving their team throughout the process. It was a pleasure to audit this company, and I am sure that their business will continue to go from strength to strength," says Tony Maynard, QAS International Auditor.

ISO 9001 is a quality management standard that is maintained by the International Organization for Standardization. Companies committed to this standard are required to demonstrate a high effectiveness of business processes, continual improvement of their quality system and customer satisfaction.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs has radically changed the economics and lead times associated with the low-volume production of CNC machined and injection molded parts. This is achieved through the use of proprietary software running on a compute cluster at over 2 trillion operations per second. Proto Labs offers two services in North America, Europe and Japan: First Cut provides CNC machining and Protomold, rapid injection molding; both of which can ship parts in as fast as one business day. For more information, visit: www.protolabs.com.

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