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### **New Name, New Faces**

*ALC and Collegedale form a new joint company*

**Austin, TX and Ooltewah, TN, October 17, 2008** – Advanced Lab Concepts (ALC) and Collegedale, two of the leaders in the laboratory furniture and fume hood markets, are pleased to announce the realignment of the two prior companies into a new combined organization, **ALC-Collegedale**. With the new organization and structure, we are introducing a number of new roles with the goal of bringing innovation and breakthrough technologies to all sectors of the lab furniture and fume hood markets.

The acquisition of Collegedale by ALC earlier this year has quickly proven the synergism anticipated between the two organizations. As such, the plan to move forward has been accelerated into this fiscal year.

The combination of these two well known and established companies brings together expertise across the entire spectrum of laboratory applications and market segments. The newly expanded company becomes particularly well-suited for the rapidly changing market of supporting education and performing science and research.

The combined company will operate under the leadership of Mark Etheridge, former president and CEO of Advanced Lab Concepts, who will assume the role of CEO, and Chip Albright, former president and CEO of Collegedale Casework, who will become the President of ALC-Collegedale.

"The newly combined ALC-Collegedale is tangible evidence of the many changes occurring within our market as we see the sciences we support change." said Chip Albright. "Additionally, we feel that this combination of companies gives us a unique opportunity to address these escalating changes with focus and force. Given our size and background, we are uniquely qualified to quickly deliver products and services that support those designing spaces, to foster collaboration, spark innovation and maintain the high level of safety. Responsiveness to a changing market was the trademark of the former companies. That brought them together and becomes the platform for the future."

Recently it was announced that agreement has been reached with Erlab to incorporate their Green Fume Hood technology in one of ALC-Collegedale's fume hood lines. It was just announced that a new operating division was created, ALC-Collegedale Metal Group, to focus on a series of metal products that are part of the overall ALC-Collegedale product offering. This group is headed by David Carlton.

In the field, Jim Lundy has been assigned to support the lab and research market in the east, with Todd Wilhite supporting the lab and research market in the west. Bill Harvey will support the science education market on a national basis.

In regard to unifying the companies, both companies came together with complementary talents, expertise, and strengths. As such, they are committed to being the leader in bringing about the changes necessary to continue to effectively support the teaching of science and research with innovative new solutions. As a merged company, ALC and Collegedale have each accelerated their strategic development as firms by at least 10 years. The combined resources are amazing and so are the possibilities.

#### About ALC-Collegedale

ALC-Collegedale is one of the largest manufacturers of laboratory furniture and fume hoods in the United States. With over 75 combined years of experience, the new joint company is uniquely qualified to bring innovation to the market. Learn more at [www.ALC-Collegedale.com](http://www.ALC-Collegedale.com).

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