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JOHNSTECH INTERNATIONAL RAMPS UP PRODUCTION IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 CRISIS

QUALIFIES AS A CRITICAL OPERATION TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURER IN MINNESOTA

**(MINNEAPOLIS, MN, APRIL 2020)** Following Governor Tim Walz's "Stay at Home" order effective Friday, March 27 at 11:59pm to Friday, April 10 for Minnesota businesses, Johnstech International has reviewed its status with its attorney and has been deemed to qualify as a critical manufacturer / essential business that is entitled to continue operations as normal. Furthermore, Johnstech has reviewed the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Services Agency ("CISA") Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During Covid-19 Response with its attorney and has been deemed to qualify as an essential business operation under multiple criteria. Johnstech International is a key supplier to semiconductor companies across many essential industries including medical device, communications, and critical infrastructure. Johnstech has been ramping up production capacity at its Minneapolis, Minnesota headquarters for weeks in response to increased demand from its customers who provide semiconductor chips used in critical medical devices and communications infrastructure.

Johnstech International President and CEO David Johnson explains that because of the current pandemic, accurate and reliable semiconductor testing is even more important as medical devices and communications needs in connection with social distancing have increased greatly. "The Covid-19 pandemic has changed every industry and culture in the world. We've seen that people have become more dependent on their devices for communications and for life-saving medical equipment, pushing our world further into 5<sup>th</sup> generation technology," said Johnson, "Johnstech takes our commitment to the health and safety of our employees and our community very seriously. We are here to support local and international efforts to help those changes preserve human lives and livelihoods of our customers."

Johnstech International will continue to remain open for business as an essential company. In addition, Johnstech has reviewed its supply chain and determined that its key suppliers will also remain open and at full capacity to meet critical manufacturing / essential business needs of Johnstech in the community. Johnstech will continue to comply with the Social Distancing Requirements of the Governor's Executive Order, and all other public health recommendations issued by the Minnesota Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, to the greatest extent possible, while carrying out its operations. Johnstech International is using technology to avoid meeting in person, including virtual meetings, teleconference and remote work, to the greatest extent possible.

JOHNSTECH INTERNATIONAL is a global R&D leader in the field of microcircuit testing, providing reliable, cost-effective testing solutions for automotive, commercial, and industrial applications. Founded in 1991 by David Johnson, Johnstech works hand-in-hand with the world's most respected OSATs, foundries, and

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