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**BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL
AEROSPACE QUALITY CERTIFICATIONS**

ANGLETON, TX, NOVEMBER 16, 2009 – Benchmark Electronics, Inc. (NYSE: BHE), a leading contract manufacturing provider, announced that the Company’s facilities in Huntsville, Alabama and Penang, Malaysia have certified to the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) AS9100 standard. AS9100 is an international standard containing requirements for establishing and maintaining quality management systems for the aerospace industry. The AS9100 standard was established by the IAQG for the purpose of achieving significant improvements in quality and safety and reducing cost throughout the value stream.

“For the Huntsville and Malaysia operations, this AS9100 certification adds to the current ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certifications in both locations and the existing ITAR registration for the Huntsville site,” said Gayla J. Delly, the Company’s President. “These certifications represent milestone achievements to support our customer needs, and were achieved through the focused efforts of our operational teams who are committed to providing the highest standards of quality and reliability to the aerospace and defense community. Benchmark now has eleven global sites on three continents that have achieved the AS9100 certification. Our customers are seeking global partners who can provide regional needs while providing optimized value through a world-wide supply chain. With these additional certifications, we are increasing the scale of our geographic footprint to meet the needs of our targeted aerospace and defense customers.”

Benchmark Electronics, Inc. provides electronics manufacturing, design and engineering services to original equipment manufacturers of computers and related products for business enterprises, medical devices, industrial control equipment, testing and instrumentation products, and telecommunication equipment. Benchmark’s global operations include 24 facilities in ten countries. Benchmark’s Common Shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BHE.

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