

# NEWS UPDATE



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### **LaBARGE ACHIEVES ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING QUALITY STANDARD WITH ANSI/ESD S20.20 CERTIFICATION**

ST. LOUIS, May 12, 2010—LaBarge, Inc. (NYSE Amex: LB) has achieved certification to the ANSI/ESD S20.20 standard in its Appleton, Wis., Pittsburgh and Tulsa, Okla., manufacturing facilities. The certifications are part of LaBarge’s ongoing commitment to providing its customers with world-class quality management.

Independent certifying organizations determined that the LaBarge manufacturing facilities have systemic, established controls over electrostatic discharge (ESD), which can have a potentially unseen and catastrophic effect on highly complex electronics. The Company applies these controls to provide complete ESD protection in all steps of storage, handling, inspection and shipping of the electronic devices it manufactures. BSI certified the Appleton and Pittsburgh operations, and Det Norske Veritas Certification, Inc., the Tulsa operation.

“LaBarge uses the utmost care in each step of the manufacturing process to ensure our customers’ highly complex electronic products and systems perform flawlessly in high cost of failure environments,” said Craig LaBarge, chief executive officer and president. “This achievement validates the confidence our customers must have in our ability to provide complex electronics of the highest quality.”

LaBarge, Inc. is a broad-based provider of electronics to technology-driven companies in diverse markets. The Company provides its customers with sophisticated electronic and electromechanical products through contract design and manufacturing services. Headquartered in St. Louis, LaBarge has operations in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin. The Company's Web site may be accessed at <http://www.labarge.com>.

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