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### S.J. Smith joins IWDC

DAVENPORT, IOWA (April 1, 2023) – S.J. Smith has joined IWDC as of April 1. IWDC is a cooperative of independent welding distributors across the country.

The IWDC is a cooperative, formed in 1994, which leverages the strengths of its independent welding distributor members across North America. IWDC member companies collectively represent over \$3.2B in sales, serving a wide range of industries.

The common denominator is that these industries look to them for industrial, specialty, and medical gases as well as related equipment, welding hardgoods, and consumables. End-use customers served by IWDC members benefit from having the unparalleled expertise of a local member distributor who has access to national-scale purchasing and marketing programs.

“We’re excited to join IWDC, which will allow us to expand offerings and provide even better solutions to our customers,” says Richelle Smith-Brecht, S.J. Smith President and CEO.

More information on IWDC is available at their websites, at [IWDC.coop](http://IWDC.coop) and [purityplusgases.com](http://purityplusgases.com).

For more information on S.J. Smith, please contact S.J. Smith at 563-324-5237, or visit our website at [sjsmith.com](http://sjsmith.com). Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

#### About S.J. Smith

Since 1950, S.J. Smith has evolved into a dynamic company, using the latest technology to find cutting-edge solutions for customers and provide quality products in a prompt and professional manner. In addition to being a primary provider of cylinder and specialty gas options, including industrial, medical, micro-bulk and laser-



assist systems, and cryogenic and technical services, S.J. Smith also provides welding equipment, protective gear and accessories for welding, arc gouging, plasma cutting and more.

Founded by Sylvester "S.J." and Helen Smith, and expanded by their son Richard Smith, who joined the company in 1969, the company is now led by the third generation: Richelle Smith-Brecht, president and CEO; Eric Smith, director of operations and Christopher Smith, assistant pricing manager/expediter. S.J. Smith has 12 locations in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri which provide individualized service to customers large and small, based on the company values of honesty and integrity, customer-driven excellence, flexibility and safety.

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