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## **New Wellington commercial refrigeration motors win key US certification approval**

**AUCKLAND, 16th June 2010:** America's leading product safety certification organisation, Underwriters Laboratories (UL), has confirmed its formal approval of Wellington Drive's new range of ECR85 and ECR95 high-efficiency commercial refrigeration motors, Dr Ross Green, Wellington's CEO, announced today.

"Successfully completing the formal UL approval process is a major step forward as it is essentially a prerequisite for purchases by customers in the United States who require UL certification before placing an order. This certification of these new products will enable us to capitalise on already-strong customer demand based on the excellent cost savings these motors offer," Dr Green said.

Used mainly in supermarket bulk cold storage facilities and in walk-in cool rooms, the new motors are opening up valuable new areas of the large refrigeration market as they meet a wider range of customer need. Importantly, they are also among only a small number of products meeting the requirements mandated by many state governments and other authorities in the United States offering subsidies to encourage major users to install energy-efficient motors.

To obtain the UL approval sample Wellington motors have been rigorously tested for several months at UL's facilities to independently establish their published performance claims and confirm their safe operation in extreme conditions.

Dr Green said supermarkets using the new motors could expect electricity cost savings of approximately \$10,000 annually, or \$150,000 over the lifetime of the refrigeration equipment. For most supermarkets this meant pay-back within 6 months or considerably less if subsidies were taken into account.

The company also advised that its new ECR One electricity saving motors, which are used in point-of-sale bottle cooler equipment by Coca-Cola and other companies, and in supermarket display cases, also recently received UL approval.

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Wellington Drive Technologies Ltd. ["Wellington" or "Wellington Drive"] is a New Zealand publicly listed company [NZX:WDT] that designs, manufactures and sells advanced electric motors used by some of the world's largest companies to save energy and dramatically

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improve cost efficiency. Wellington's ECR series commercial refrigeration motors, which are widely used in bottle coolers and supermarket display cases, are the market leader for this sector in North America. The company also supplies a leading range of advanced ventilation motors through growing partnerships in Europe and other global markets.

Headquartered in Auckland, Wellington Drive has offices or manufacturing facilities in the United States, Italy, Turkey, Mexico, China and Singapore. To find out more please visit our website at: [www.wdtl.com](http://www.wdtl.com)

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