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## **ESSENTRA REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO HEALTH & SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE ON WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY**

Reinforcing its ongoing commitment to health and safety in the workplace, Essentra was today delighted to welcome Governor Bruce Rauner to its Specialty Tapes facility in Forest Park, IL. The visit acknowledged Workers' Memorial Day, with Essentra's site being selected as one of only around 30 companies in the State of Illinois holding the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program ("S.H.A.R.P.") accreditation issued by the Illinois Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA").

Founded in 1947, Essentra's Specialty Tapes business has grown significantly from its modest roots to become a leading provider of adhesive coated products to many industries, including point of sale display, exhibit, printing, plastic fabrication, appliance, Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning and education. Headquartered in Forest Park, Essentra Specialty Tapes manufactures to the highest quality standards in both the USA and UK, and ensures local distribution to customers through a wholly-owned distribution network across North America, Europe and China.

Having been S.H.A.R.P. certified since June 2006, Essentra has not only demonstrated its consistent adherence to OSHA regulations, but also delivered annual improvements in its health and safety track record – in particular, with regard to its Days Away and Restricted Time ("D.A.R.T.") rate, a benchmarking formula which calculates the Company's injury rate versus the industry standard.

Commenting on the event, Brett York, President - Americas, said:

"Throughout its international site footprint, Essentra's overriding commitment in the workplace remains the health, safety and welfare of our employees and all those who visit our operations, as well as those who carry out work on behalf of the Company.

Workers' Memorial Day is a time to remember those who have died in the workplace, to acknowledge the consequent suffering experienced by families and communities, and to recommit ourselves to the priority of providing our employees with a working environment that meets – if not exceeds – the highest standards of health and safety. All of us at Essentra Specialty Tapes are extremely proud of our long track record of S.H.A.R.P. certification, and to have been selected by the State of Illinois to mark the occasion with Governor Rauner.

On this day of reflection, we are honored to have had the opportunity to convey our commitment on these fronts to both our community here in Forest Park and to the wider State, and are resolute in our determination to continue to deliver further improvements to ensure we remain at the forefront of health and safety in the workplace."



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Governor Rauner added:

“With a proud history in Illinois and a long-standing record of excellence in health and safety, I am delighted to commemorate Workers’ Memorial Day at Essentra’s Specialty Tapes headquarters here in Forest Park. The dedication of the entire team to making further improvements for the benefit of all those who work at, or visit, the site underscores the Company’s commitment to continued leadership in this field.”

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*Governor Bruce Rauner (center, back) commemorates Workers’ Memorial Day with Brett York, President – Essentra Americas (2<sup>nd</sup> right) and Essentra’s Specialty Tapes team*



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## Notes to Editors

Essentra plc is a FTSE 250 company and a leading global provider of high volume, essential components and solutions, which serve customers in a wide variety of end-markets and geographies.

### ***Distribution***

The Components business is a global market leading manufacturer and distributor of plastic injection moulded, vinyl dip moulded and metal items. Operating units in 27 countries serve a very broad industrial base of customers with a rapid supply of products for a variety of applications in industries such as equipment manufacturing, automotive, fabrication, electronics and construction.

The Speciality Tapes business has expertise in coating multiple adhesive systems in numerous technologies. With close to 3,000 adhesive products available for same-day shipping, Essentra's products can meet all high performance needs, from foam, magnetic, finger lift and acrylic high bond tapes to hook and loop and non-skid foam.

The Security business has been at the forefront of ID technology for over 30 years, and has access to the widest portfolio of products and services, including printers, software and consumables from leading manufacturers.

### ***Health & Personal Care Packaging***

A leading global provider of packaging and authentication solutions to a diversified blue-chip customer base in the pharmaceutical, health & personal care, consumer and specialist packaging sectors, and to the paper and board industries. The business focuses on delivering value-adding innovation, quality and service through the provision of a wide range of products and solutions, including cartons, tapes, leaflets, foils, labels and authentication solutions.



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## ***Filter Products***

The only global independent cigarette filter supplier. The nine worldwide locations, including a dedicated Technology Centre supported by three regional development facilities, provide a flexible infrastructure strategically positioned to serve the tobacco industry. The business supplies a wide range of value-adding high quality innovative filters, packaging solutions to the roll your own segment and analytical laboratory services to ingredient measurement to the industry.

## ***Specialist Technologies***

A leading provider of specialised solutions to an international customer base in a diverse range of end-markets, including oil and gas, construction, point of sale, health & personal care and consumer goods.

Essentra Porous Technologies is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom fluid handling components, engineered from a portfolio of technologies that includes bonded and non-woven fibre, polyurethane foam and porous plastics. Representing innovations used in healthcare, consumer and industrial applications, its enabling components are found in a wide range of products from medical diagnostics tests to advanced wound care pads, inkjet printer cartridges, writing instruments, clean room wipes and air fresheners.

The Pipe Protection Technologies business specialises in the manufacture of high performance innovative products from commodity resins to engineering-grade thermoplastics and polymer alloys for use in a range of end-markets. Locations in four countries, combined with a wide distributor network, serve customers around the world.

Essentra Extrusion is a leading custom profile extruder located in the Netherlands which offers a complete design and production service. One of the first companies to extrude plastics in 1956, Essentra is now one of Europe's most advanced suppliers of co-extrusion and tri-extrusion to all branches of industry.

Headquartered in the United Kingdom, Essentra's global network extends to 33 countries and includes c. 9,000 employees, 69 principal manufacturing facilities, 64 sales & distribution operations and 5 research & development centres. For further information, please visit [www.essentra.com](http://www.essentra.com).