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**ESAB INTRODUCES GCE SPECIALTY GAS AND VALVE PRODUCT LINES
IN NORTH AMERICA, OPENS TEXAS CONFIGURATION CENTER**

Annapolis Junction, Md. – Since completing the acquisition of [Gas Control Equipment](#) (GCE) in October 2018, ESAB Welding & Cutting Products has focused on aligning its global product offerings and innovations into four focus areas: cutting and welding, healthcare, specialty gas equipment and cylinder valves. Furthering the global integration, ESAB today announced that North American distributors and end-users now have full access to the GCE Druva® specialty gas equipment and GCE Valves product lines.

To support the move, ESAB announces the completion of a dedicated Configuration Center located at its Denton, Texas, facility. The Configuration Center, which serves both the GCE and Victor® brands, is isolated from the manufacturing areas for Victor industrial products, which are also part of the ESAB portfolio.

“The Configuration Center provides build-to-order services for specialty gas equipment products in a specially designed clean-room environment,” says Curt Rocha, Global Product and Business Director Gas Equipment, ESAB. “We have also added GCE-dedicated engineering, applications, assembly and sales support teams to ensure ‘best-in-class’ equipment solutions and quick-turnaround.”

Spec Gas Equipment and Valve Leader

With headquarters in Sweden and manufacturing facilities around the world, GCE has been a leader in gas control equipment for more than 100 years. The company employs more than 900 people and has a dominant market, quality and technology position for many of its product lines, notably specialty gas equipment and valves.



The [GCE Druva product line](#) focuses on products for the control and distribution of high-purity and specialty gases used in research and manufacturing processes. Products include those for analytical laboratory, semi-conductor, automotive, petrochemical, and many other high-tech industries. The GCE druva product line provides highly configurable gas control equipment well suited for central gas supply systems used in state of the art laboratories.

The GCE Cylinder valves product range encompasses standard valves, residual pressure valves (RPV), industrial and medical valve integrated pressure regulators (VIPR), stainless steel specialty gas valves, medical valves, dip tubes and guards. GCE's U.S. website divides products into three end-use categories: [medical](#), [cylinder](#) and high [purity](#).

“Because of the breadth and depth of the GCE portfolio and the myriad of inlet/outlet/cylinder connections available, we can offer North American customers the most configurable specialty gas and valve equipment in the world,” says Rocha. “The investment ESAB has made in physical assets and personnel further differentiates us from competitors. We encourage anyone looking to determine the most suitable components or optimal laboratory layout to contact [GCE customer care](#) to reach our dedicate support team.”

At ESAB, we exist to shape the future of welding, cutting and gas control. We connect end-users and distributors with the widest range of products under our industry-leading brand portfolio with the latest technologies to solve virtually any industry challenge — then we back it up with our knowledge, experience and passion to help them be more productive than ever before. To learn more, visit [esab.com](#) or call 1-800-ESAB-123. To learn more about GCE and products for North America, visit [us.gcegroup.com](#).

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