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## **Braun Intertec announces new business acquisition Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC**

MINNEAPOLIS (March 30, 2011) – Braun Intertec, a premier Upper Midwest engineering, consulting and testing firm, announces its latest service offering – geothermal consulting through the acquisition of VCMS GeoSolutions, a regional leader in the field of geothermal ground heat exchange consulting. The new business branded as Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC, provides services to institutional, commercial and government markets throughout the United States.

The strategic acquisition will allow the combined firms to provide a more comprehensive approach to clients involved in the design and installation of ground source heat pump systems. “Braun Intertec’s engineering and environmental experience in evaluating geologic conditions integrates well with Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC’s ground heat exchanger consulting and testing services and gives us an opportunity to significantly grow our service offerings,” states Braun Intertec Chief Executive Office Jon A. Carlson. “We are very pleased about the alignment of our corporate culture with that of VCSM – both are deeply rooted in trust-based relationships and personalized, high quality service to our clients.”

Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC, provides advanced ground heat exchanger design, testing and construction observation services to a client base of engineers, architects and contractors who are involved in the design and construction of new buildings, and the retrofitting of existing structures. The services include site preplanning feasibility studies, site environmental and thermal characterization, systems design and engineering, construction testing and observation, environmental consulting and forensic analysis. Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC, will continue to operate out of Little Falls, Minn. and will work closely with Braun Intertec’s 13 other offices located throughout the Upper Midwest.

“The combination of Braun Intertec’s broad based scientific capabilities and VCMS’s specialized geothermal expertise fills a niche that creates an important consulting resource for the expanding Midwest market,” adds Scott Freitag, Principal, Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC. “Our capabilities will help to accelerate the growth of geothermal heat pump application by helping to mitigate environmental and constructability risks, and by further reducing project costs resulting from our refinement of the design process. “

Ground source heat pump based systems can provide up to a 50% reduction in energy consumption over traditional heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, and offer a more efficient way to heat and cool a structure. Increasingly, building owners and managers are turning to these systems as a means of lowering operating costs.

*Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC, based in Little Falls, Minn., is a premier market leader in providing services relating to the design, construction testing and constructability of ground heat exchangers. Braun Intertec Geothermal, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of employee-owned Braun Intertec, a leading engineering and environmental consulting and testing firm that has about 400 employee owners located in multiple Twin Cities offices as well as in Duluth, Hibbing, Rochester, Mankato and St. Cloud. The firm also has offices in Bismarck, Stanley, and Fargo, N.D., La Crosse and Waukesha, Wis. and Cedar Rapids, Iowa.*

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