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## SGS Consumer Testing Services Expands Flagship U.S. Lab & Staff

The renovation and expansion of SGS Consumer Testing Services flagship U.S. lab in Fairfield, N.J. was completed in April. The six-month renovation project and an increase in technical staff provide customers with quicker turnaround times as well as broader testing capabilities.



The laboratory provides performance, standards compliance, certification and other testing services for consumer goods including children's toys, car seats, bicycle helmets, electrical products, medical devices, paper and packaging, and textiles.

The expansion was initiated in response to increased product testing needs from SGS customers in North America, customer requests for specific new tests, and SGS's commitment to accelerated response times that meet tight customer deadlines.

Lab upgrades completed during the renovation include:

**An expanded toy testing lab** capable of accommodating oversized products, such as larger playground and outdoor equipment, while also bringing chemical, mechanical and physical testing under one roof for more responsive service delivery.

**A remodeled packaging/materials lab** features environmental chambers for testing under a variety of controlled conditions, expanded medical packaging testing, and increased efficiencies resulting in one-third faster turnaround time. The packaging test lab is accredited by organizations including the International Safe Transit Association (ISTA), the leading developer of global packaged-product test procedures to ensure package performance.

**A new on-site chemicals analysis laboratory** with state-of-the-art equipment, offering benefits that include enhanced detection limits to support the latest regulatory requirements and a reduction in the sample sizes required for testing.

Other labs in the facility have also been upgraded to streamline operations and increase testing capacity. The Fairfield laboratory is part of the **SGS Consumer Testing Services** network of over 100 consumer labs worldwide.

"Our investment in expanding our New Jersey facility and staff was driven by increased customer demand for our testing services in North America. This demand is the result of the breadth of our offerings, the regular additions to our service portfolio, and the strong reputation that SGS has throughout the world," said Rob Parrish, Managing Director of SGS Consumer Testing Services in the U.S. "With these renovations, broad spectrum testing is done on-site, turnaround times in some cases have been trimmed by one-third, and we are even better equipped to service manufacturers, retailers and importers."

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