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WPC Announces Launch of Ki Certification Testing

First Ki Cordless Kitchen Products Have Passed Certification

Washington DC, May 28, 2025 – The kitchen of the future is one giant step closer to reality with the completion of <u>Ki</u> certification testing of the first Ki Cordless Kitchen products. Following the release of the Ki specification last December, advancing Ki Cordless Kitchen products through certification testing represents a significant milestone in the launch of <u>WPC's</u> newest standard in the application of wireless power. Ki's launch follows the launch of Qi2, WPC's highly successful next-generation standard for small consumer electronics, which was available in over 1.5 billion devices worldwide by the end of its first year.

The Ki Cordless Kitchen standard revolutionizes everyday kitchen appliances – such as blenders, toasters, air fryers, and water kettles – by eliminating power cords and adding a communication channel between the appliance and the Ki power unit. The Ki power function will initially be available in induction cooktops or standalone Ki power units. Future Ki releases in development are aimed at adding support for concealed Ki power units mounted under countertops or kitchen islands.

"The Ki standard brings unprecedented innovation to the most used room in the house - the kitchen", said Paul Struhsaker, Executive Director of the WPC. "Ki eliminates the mess, inconvenience and potential safety issues of power cords, which is something consumers have told us repeatedly is an important benefit. Ki will not only change the way people cook and prepare food by making cooking and clean up easier, but it will even change the way kitchens look, enabling sleek modern designs and better utilization of space. We congratulate, <u>Elektro-Gerätebau Oberderdingen GmbH (E.G.O)</u>., <u>Koninklijke</u> Philips NV, Telecommunications Technology Association of Korea (TTA), <u>Resillion (Belgium)</u>, and <u>Defion</u> BV for leading the way in Ki's launch: E.G.O. for the first Ki certified induction module, Philips for contributing its Ki technology, TTA and Resillion for becoming the first authorized Ki certification test labs, and Defion for providing the certification tools and equipment supporting the development of Ki Cordless Kitchen products."

Opportunities to learn more about Ki

WPC members will be conducting two Ki seminars in June: in Seoul June 25th hosted by <u>TTA</u> and in Guangzhou June 27th hosted by <u>SGS</u>. More information will be available on the WPC website shortly.

Members of WPC's leadership team will be at IFA Berlin in September to meet with companies interested in the Ki standard and WPC membership. If you will be at IFA and are interested in meeting to learn more, please let us know through the contact information below.

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About the Wireless Power Consortium

The <u>Wireless Power Consortium</u> (WPC) is the prevailing standards organization for wireless power applications worldwide, representing more than 300 member companies including industry leaders such as Apple, Bosch, Google, Huawei, Philips and Samsung. Since its founding in 2008, the WPC has provided consumers and manufacturers with a vision of wireless power that is convenient, safe, and efficient while ensuring standardized testing offers products that are certificated and interoperable. The WPC's Qi standard is the global standard for wireless charging mobile, handheld electronic devices. The WPC is continuously exploring new applications of wireless power including the Ki standard for cordless kitchen appliances.

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