ITT to acquire YSI Incorporated; deal strengthens company’s water instrumentation business

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., and YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, July 11, 2011 — ITT Corporation (NYSE: ITT) and privately held YSI Incorporated today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement for ITT to acquire, via merger, YSI, a leading developer and manufacturer of sensors, instruments, software, and data collection platforms for environmental water monitoring. The financial terms of the proposal were not disclosed. YSI had 2010 global revenues of $101 million and employs 390 people at several facilities in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Completion of the acquisition is expected in the third quarter 2011, pending customary closing conditions and approval from YSI’s shareholders.

“The addition of YSI is the next logical step in our strategy to acquire attractive companies whose businesses complement our existing water portfolio,” said Gretchen McClain, president of ITT’s Fluid and Motion Control business, and future chief executive officer of the new standalone water company that will separate from ITT later this year. “We see very compelling growth characteristics in the analytical instrumentation market. As we move toward the formation of our new water company, the addition of YSI further builds on our attractive analytics business and our commitment to provide the best solutions to the challenges our customers face across the water industry.”
ITT’s analytics business is a leading manufacturer of premium field, portable, laboratory and online analytical instruments used in water and wastewater, environmental, medical, and food and beverage applications. The company’s meters, sensors, analyzers and related consumables are used every day by thousands of end-users world-wide to analyze and control quality in industrial applications where precise measurement is required. ITT’s analytics products are sold under the globally recognized brands WTW, SI Analytics, OI Analytical, Royce Technologies, Aanderaa Data Instruments (AADI), Global Water Instrumentation, ebro and Bellingham & Stanley.

“The opportunity to add a company with the brand recognition and reach of YSI not only strengthens our Analytics portfolio, but also gives us a great opportunity to globally expand our entire existing brand offering,” said Chris McIntire, president of ITT Analytics. “YSI’s expertise in field and outdoor, environmental applications strongly complements and broadens our existing capabilities. From our workplace cultures to our philanthropic initiatives, YSI and ITT are a perfect fit.”

Rick Omlor, chairman and chief executive officer of YSI Incorporated, said, “We believe joining ITT offers a great opportunity to continue growing our business, and I’m especially pleased that YSI will live on within a strong global company united around water. With a 63-year legacy founded in scientific discovery and innovation, YSI’s strong brand equity, backed by ITT’s global citizenship philosophy is the right choice to move YSI into the future.”

About YSI Incorporated
Founded in 1948, YSI is a leading developer and manufacturer of sensors, instruments, software, and data collection platforms for environmental water monitoring. YSI has 390 employees in 22 locations serving customers throughout the world.

About ITT Corporation
ITT Corporation is a high-technology engineering and manufacturing company operating on all seven continents in three vital markets: water and fluids management, global defense and security, and motion and flow control. With a heritage of innovation, ITT partners with its customers to deliver extraordinary solutions that create more livable environments, provide protection and safety and connect our world. Headquartered in White Plains, N.Y., the company reported 2010 revenue of $11 billion. www.itt.com

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