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Watt Stopper Green initiative designed to conserve resources and protect the environment

SANTA CLARA, CA November 2007 – Watt Stopper/Legrand is proud to announce a companywide initiative to make all aspects of the organization more environmentally friendly. President Jerry Mix kicked off Watt Stopper Green during a nationwide conference call, outlining ambitious goals that go well beyond the company's long-time tradition of putting a stop to energy waste. As a leading manufacturer of energy saving products, he feels it is appropriate that the company minimize its own environmental impact. Mix announced the Watt Stopper Green initiative with the following goals:

- Manufacture products using environmentally sensitive techniques
- Continue to develop products that help customers save energy
- Improve resource conservation within all company facilities
- Promote green homes and lifestyles for employees
- Evangelize conservation and adoption of environmental management systems

Watt Stopper/Legrand has committed to embracing environmentally sensitive manufacturing, developing products that can be recycled and reducing packaging. Products and manufacturing lines are being redesigned to minimize the use of hazardous materials and be RoHS-compliant beginning in 2008. RoHS is the European Union's directive on the restriction of hazardous substances.

By making this commitment, Watt Stopper/Legrand can fully support customers that wish to add environmental stewardship requirements to their specifications. Plans for new product development include lighting control solutions for new applications, with the goal of giving more customers – with either residential or commercial projects – opportunities to realize greater energy savings.

As part of the initiative, Watt Stopper/Legrand has stepped up efforts to save energy and water, reduce paper usage and increase recycling in its own facilities. Systems are in place to track the use of resources to ensure success. A Green Team will meet regularly to implement new ideas for conservation and will communicate results. **The team will also draw on the resources of the Legrand North America's environmental committee.**

To extend the program into the homes of its employees, Watt Stopper/Legrand has developed incentives for staff members to reduce power and water usage. The company will help them meet goals by providing education as well as free vacancy sensors to install in their homes.

Customers have embraced Watt Stopper/Legrand's innovative control products and Mix is confident that they will applaud Watt Stopper Green. By becoming a better environmental steward, the company is supporting its customers' green efforts. Mix also hopes to encourage sales representatives, distributors and other manufacturers to adopt similar environmental management systems.

Watt Stopper/Legrand is a leading manufacturer of energy efficient lighting controls for commercial and residential use. We help customers find convenient ways to save energy, meet green initiatives, and comply with energy codes with our comprehensive range of products, programs, and services. Legrand, located in Limoges, France, is the world specialist in products and systems for electrical installations and information networks. Visit www.wattstopper.com.

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