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EPCO Helps Distributors Deal with New UL Standard for Temporary Lighting Strings

More Attractive Pricing and Greater Availability of Deluxe CordLight™

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., February 12, 2007—Engineered Products Company (EPCO), a supplier of specialty lighting and wiring solutions, announced that it has increased production and inventory of its Deluxe CordLight™ to ensure sufficient inventory for helping distributors through the post-March 1 UL-mandated discontinuation of insulation piercing lampholder sockets and the use of flat cable for temporary string lights.

EPCO President Jack Schuster said, "It's a fact of life that good products are discontinued, but we want to make it as easy for our customers as possible. The revised UL standards are forcing our customers to adopt a slightly more expensive, heavier-duty product that was at one point the industry standard. To support our distributors during this transition, we will have an adjustment to our Deluxe TempCordLight pricing making it even more attractive to the industry.

He added that The NEC code does not prevent selling any existing flat cord temporary cordlights with a UL label that have been manufactured prior to March 1. "We also produced plenty of our extremely popular flat cord Contractor CordLights prior to this deadline," Schuster noted.

The result of continuous improvement over the last 10 years, EPCO's current Deluxe TempCordLight:

- Conserves expensive, limited warehouse space—contains 48 units to a pallet vs. 24 or 32.
- Features the industry's most durable living hinge on its cage.
- Innovates temporary cord lighting with the only patented one-step, tool-less, snap-in cage-to-socket attachment.
- Resists 150-watt (A-23) bulb heat with sturdy plastic socket and cages.

For pricing, to request a catalog or to locate the nearest representative for your area, visit www.engproducts.com or call (800) 336-1976.

About Key Changes to the UL Standard for Temporary Lighting Strings:

- 11.2 "An attachment plug, cord connector, lampholder, splices, or tap shall adhere tightly to the cable or flexible cord insulation at the point where it enters the fitting so as to exclude moisture."
- 16.4 "A flexible cord employed in a temporary lighting string shall be suitable for outdoor use and have a serviceability rating equal to or greater than that of hard usage type cords such as SJW, SJEW, SJOW, SJEOW, SJTW, or equivalent power supply cords."

About EPCO

Engineered Products Company supplies electrical distributors with specialty lighting, lighting accessories, and wiring solutions that address a wide range of standard and unique applications. The Minneapolis-based company provides consistently reliable service, as well as durable and reliable products. EPCO's sales representatives are the most knowledgeable in the electrical industry. In addition to offering multiple configurations of products that meet a wide range of requirements, EPCO is responsive to customer needs, offering convenient shipping and no-risk, guaranteed-to-sell terms.