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HUBBELL LIGHTING TO BUILD NEW HEADQUARTERS IN GREENVILLE, S.C.

(GREENVILLE COUNTY, SC) Hubbell Lighting, Inc. today announced the selection of Greenville, South Carolina as the site for the company's new headquarters. Hubbell Lighting plans to invest over \$25 million in this new facility, which is projected to be complete in late 2006. The facility is likely to be built at the Millennium Campus in the City of Greenville. This will be the future home for Hubbell Lighting's 235 current headquarters' employees. In addition, the facility will house a state of the art Product Demonstration Showroom and International Training Center. There will also be a Product Research/Development Center with Photometric and UL Certified Testing Laboratories. Hubbell Lighting, Inc. is a subsidiary of Hubbell Incorporated which is based in Orange, CT.

Hubbell Lighting has over 4,500 employees in North America, with manufacturing facilities in nine U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Canada as well as operations in China. In addition, the Lighting business operates eight Regional Distribution Centers throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The Southeast Region Distribution Center located in Spartanburg, South Carolina will continue to operate in its present location.

Hubbell Lighting conducted a comprehensive review of specific sites in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina to determine the best location option to meet its future needs. Greenville was selected over all other locations in a very competitive selection process. Hubbell Lighting's final commitment to South Carolina is pending final approvals of incentives by local and state governmental agencies.

Scott Muse, the Group Vice President of Hubbell Lighting, Inc. stated "The Greenville headquarters location was selected for several reasons including: its close proximity to GSP International Airport and the site's clear visibility from Interstate 85 which provides excellent marketing exposure. Hubbell Lighting also wants to remain in Upstate South Carolina in order to retain its high quality workforce and to minimize any business disruption that a major move might create. Because Greenville is home to 40 Fortune 500 companies, the available workforce of executives and professional employees was also an important factor in our decision-making process."

In addition, Muse expressed "We were very appreciative of the team approach and support from the State of South Carolina, Greenville County Council, the City of Greenville, the Greenville Area Development Corporation and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce."

"The fundamental focus of this administration is job growth and raising income levels here in South Carolina," said Governor Mark Sanford. "This new headquarters facility will have an impact on both of those fronts, creating high-quality, well paying jobs. I'm excited for Greenville and for the economic development impact this announcement from Hubbell Lighting will have on our state."

"The Upstate's attractive cost structure, exceptional quality of life, and hard-working economic development organizations make it desirable for a headquarters location," said Commerce Secretary Bob Faith. "We at Commerce are thrilled that a leading-edge company such as Hubbell Lighting has discovered Greenville's global business strengths."

"County Council is pleased to support a project that will have such a tremendous economic impact," said Phyllis Henderson, Chairwoman of Greenville County Council. "Besides new capital investment and jobs, a key component of the headquarters will be a Product Demonstration Showroom and International Training Center. Customers and employees brought to the community to be educated at these facilities will generate significant new sales for area businesses."

"We are pleased to welcome the new headquarters of Hubbell Lighting, Inc. to the City of Greenville. This announcement reflects the confidence of an innovative and growing business in the future of the city and the Millennium Campus. The city is proud to be a partner in bringing new jobs and an industry leader's headquarters to our community," said Knox White, Mayor of the City of Greenville.

“Founded in 1888 by Harvey Hubbell II, the early success of the parent company Hubbell Incorporated was directly linked to a long series of patents from its founder,” said Brent Clinkscale, chairman of the board of the GADC. “We are pleased that Hubbell Lighting, Inc., with its own history and proven record of innovation will now call Greenville home.”

“On behalf of the Greater Greenville area, we are delighted and encouraged by Hubbell Lighting’s decision to locate its headquarters to Greenville,” said Jim Terry, President of Carolina First Bank and Chairman of the Greenville Chamber. “Hubbell Lighting is a business rich with heritage that will bring a robust business ethic to our community. We welcome the opportunity to work closely with Hubbell Lighting and its headquarters’ employees.

Hubbell Lighting, Inc. is one of the largest and fastest growing lighting manufacturers in North America. The company’s products comprise the lighting industry’s most prestigious portfolio of brands with leading positions in the markets they serve. These brands include:

Progress Lighting – the leading, single source producer of residential and commercial decorative lighting fixtures in North America

Prescolite – recessed and surface mounted downlights and track lighting products for commercial, institutional and residential applications

Columbia Lighting – fluorescent lighting fixtures for the commercial, institutional and industrial markets

Alera – architectural specification grade commercial and institutional fluorescent products for linear direct and indirect lighting applications

Dual-Lite/Prescolite Life Safety – one of the industry’s broadest line of emergency lighting, exit signs and central inverter systems for commercial, industrial and institutional applications

Hubbell Industrial Lighting – industrial and environmental lighting products including designs for marine, harsh and hazardous or extreme environments

Hubbell Outdoor Lighting – commercial, institutional and industrial outdoor and landscape lighting products

Spaulding – outdoor commercial lighting products with primary markets such as office complexes, shopping malls, big box retailers, supermarkets and automobile dealerships

Security – exterior and interior lighting fixtures and supplier of complete lighting packages for National Accounts in the restaurant, retail, developer and self-storage industries

Sportsliter Solutions – the most complete sports lighting system in the industry combining advanced technology with integrated sports field lighting products and services

Sterner – floodlighting, area/site lighting, sports and arena lighting

Architectural Area Lighting/Moldcast – architectural lighting products including period, contemporary, poles and arms, floodlights, steplights, wall sconces, bollards, and custom design fixtures

Kim Lighting – the premier innovator and producer of architectural outdoor lighting for a variety of applications including site, roadway, landscape, floodlight, pedestrian area, pathway, building mounted and parking garage lighting products

Hubbell Lighting, Inc.’s parent company, Hubbell Incorporated is an international manufacturer of quality electrical and electronic products for commercial, industrial, residential, utility, and telecommunications markets. With 2003 revenues of \$1.8 billion, Hubbell Incorporated operates manufacturing facilities in North America, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Italy, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, participates in a joint venture in Taiwan, and maintains sales offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, People’s Republic of China, and the Middle East.

For more information on Hubbell Lighting, Inc., please see www.hubbellighting.com

The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville County.