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### **WEIDMANN Announces Strategic Partnership With LumaSense Technologies™**

**March 6, 2009 – Hanover, NH: Weidmann Electrical Technology, one of the two business areas of the Weidmann International Corporation (“WICOR”) Group, is a global leader in insulating materials and components for high voltage applications and diagnostic services for the Energy market. Today they announced the strategic partnership formed with LumaSense Technologies based in Santa Clara, CA.**

With headquarters in Rapperswil, Switzerland, Weidmann Electrical Technology (“WEIDMANN”) has for more than 130 years been an integral part of the global energy market, providing insulating material used in high-voltage power transformers as well as distribution transformers. In addition, WEIDMANN also provides analytical testing and specialized diagnostics important to power equipment users in the electric utility sector.

Throughout the world, Smart Grid initiatives are underway to modernize electric transmission and distribution systems. Smart Grid technologies are designed to bring the transmission and distribution grids into a new era of performance and reliability. WEIDMANN, which has one of the oldest and most respected names in the industry, has the knowledge and design expertise to contribute significantly to this initiative.

As a first step, WEIDMANN has formed a strategic partnership with LumaSense Technologies, a global leader in clean technology sensors for measurement of gas, temperature, and other critical factors. With WEIDMANN’s vision of future intelligent substation equipment, this partnership will allow access to LumaSense Technologies sensors that will enable reliable designs for transformer thermal management and other insulation monitoring systems.

“State of the art technology that is reliable, along with innovative sensors and measurement devices, will be critical in allowing WEIDMANN initiatives to be realized quickly in support of the much needed modernization efforts”, comments David Woodcock, Vice President of Strategic Development for Weidmann Diagnostic Solutions, which is part of the Business Area Weidmann Electrical Technology. “With the experience and proven quality LumaSense has exhibited under their Luxtron, Innova AirTech, and Mikron Infrared businesses, they possess the sensor expertise that is needed for grid modernization today and into the future.”

“WEIDMANN has one of the most respected names and strongest technological competency found in the utility industry. Our visions are aligned and LumaSense is pleased to be able to support WEIDMANN as they bring a new dimension to insulation technology, diagnostics, and monitoring necessary for Smart Grid initiatives”, comments Brett Sargent, Vice President of Sales for LumaSense Technologies.

### **About Weidmann Electrical Technology**

With design, manufacturing, and analytical testing capabilities strategically located around the globe, Weidmann Electrical Technology is an industry leader in insulation system technology and diagnostics that make power and distribution transformers better in meeting the performance demands of today’s T&D electric grids.

### **About LumaSense Technologies™**

LumaSense Technologies is a global leader in providing quality sensor instrumentation to the industrial, medical, and energy markets. LumaSense is an operating company with a strategy to acquire other leading sensor instrumentation companies serving similar customers with complementary technologies and products. LumaSense’s acquisitions are industry pioneers with hundreds of global customers: Luxtron Corporation - fiber optic temperature measurement sensors; Innova AirTech Instruments - trace gas monitoring and analysis; Andros – non-dispersive and dispersive infrared gas analysis; and Mikron Infrared - non-contact temperature measurement, thermal imaging systems, and blackbody calibration instruments. LumaSense Technologies is backed by Oak Investment Partners, a leading multi-stage venture capital firm with a 28-year history and DFJ Element, a leading venture capital investor in clean technology.

### **About the WICOR Group**

The WICOR Group develops, produces, and distributes high-voltage insulation materials and components for transformers (Business Area Electrical Technology), as well as sophisticated injection molded plastics applications for automotive, sensor and water management technology, and medical technology customers (Business Area Plastics Technology).

The WICOR Group is active worldwide in 25 locations and employs a staff of 3,800. In 2007, it achieved net sales of 713 MCHF.

The headquarters of the WICOR Group is in Rapperswil-Jona, Switzerland.

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