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Huntair® and CleanPak™ Join CES Group™

Chaska, MN (April 18, 2006) – Nortek, Inc. (“Nortek”), a leading international designer, manufacturer and marketer of high-quality branded products for ventilation, HVAC and residential comfort, convenience and entertainment, today announced that, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, it has acquired the assets of Huntair, Inc. (“Huntair”), a leader in creating cleanroom environments for the semiconductor, healthcare and pharmaceutical industries as well as for comfort applications, and CleanPak International, LLC (“CleanPak”), a company specializing in cleanroom applications.

Huntair and CleanPak were privately held companies located in Tualatin and Clackamas, Oregon, respectively. Huntair and CleanPak will become subsidiaries of the CES Group, Inc. (“CES Group”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nortek, joining the existing family of companies affiliated with the CES Group that provide custom-engineered air conditioning solutions sold under such leading brands as Governair®, Mammoth®, Temtrol®, Venmar CES™, Ventrol®, WEBCO™ and Eaton-Williams®.

CleanPak founded in 1985, and Huntair founded in 1993, are the leaders in the design, manufacturing and marketing of customized integrated airflow management solutions. Huntair was named a “1999 Technology Fast 500 Winner” by Forbes magazine, and has been named one of the 50 Fastest Growing Private Companies in Oregon by the Business Journal. Both company’s products range from specialized HVAC applications used in critical industrial environments such as biotechnology and pharmaceuticals manufacturing, aerospace and hospitals, to the extremely demanding cleanrooms used in semiconductor manufacturing. Their products are also used in a wide variety of other demanding settings including large commercial buildings, shopping centers, sports arenas, universities, municipal buildings and airports.

Both companies are committed to development of industry leading products that provide a wide range of benefits. One of which is Huntair’s new patented Fan Wall Technology (FWT). FWT is one of the most significant advances in air handler technology in years. Based on replacing large fans with a modular array of smaller fans, FWT allows major improvements in footprint, reliability, energy efficiency, sound attenuation and operating costs.

“This acquisition broadens our range of custom-engineered air-handling designs and technologies,” said CES Group, Inc. President David J. Huntley. “It provides a base for some exciting technologies that will enable us to better serve our customers with more compact, quieter and more energy efficient air conditioning solutions.”

Dave Benson, Huntair’s founder and CEO, said “Joining the Nortek and CES Group family of companies will greatly enhance the opportunities for both Huntair and CleanPak to serve their clients all over the globe and speed the market adoption of our new Fan Wall Technology.”

The companies that comprise CES Group are some of the world’s leading custom-engineered air conditioning manufacturers, offering a full range of products, from 1/2 to 2,000+ tons and 300 to 400,000+ cfm. The CES Group can provide innovative, cost-effective, custom-engineered solutions for today’s most challenging HVAC applications.

For more information, visit the CES Group’s web site at: www.ces-group.com.