



LE Announces New Product with Marathon *MagnaSmart Generators by Marathon Electric*

June 10th 2004, Indianapolis, IN – LE and Marathon Electric today announced the commercial availability of the LE machine technology in the Marathon product line. The new MagnaSmart line of generators is currently being released through Marathon's extensive sales and distribution network.

"This is a big day for LE and has been a long time coming for our employees and shareholders," said Mathew Johnston, CEO of LE. "We could not have accomplished this without the great partnership of Marathon Electric. Their people are world-class in the industry, and a great pleasure to work with. With their support, the MagnaSmart line will quickly take its place at the head of the industry," Johnston went on to say.

"Marathon Electric is excited about the introduction of our new MagnaSmart product line using the LE variable speed PM design. Initial customer interest has been very high, as we are discussing more than ten new applications with existing OEMs. The power density advantages of the MagnaSmart design and the use of variable speed provide real value to our customers/end users including lighter weight, smaller size, and much higher system efficiencies across variable load," commented Ray Kacvinsky, Vice President – Power Generation for Marathon Electric

Marathon Electric, a subsidiary of Regal-Beloit, manufactures generators from 5 kW to 3,000 kW. The products are for 50 and 60 hertz and voltages up to 13,800 volts.

Regal-Beloit Corporation is a leading manufacturer of mechanical and electrical products for the motion control and power generation industries. Headquartered in Beloit, Wisconsin, the company serves worldwide markets from its manufacturing, sales and service facilities located throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. The company's stock is traded publicly on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol RBC.

LE has developed and markets the industry's leading rotating machine technology for permanent magnet motors and generators. Our technology enables the LE GenSmart™ generators and SmartTorq™ motors that LE commercially sells today, and also is the building block for various new applications to come. The application of LE technology allows for greatly reduced machine sizes and active material contents, and thus has proven to be the cost leader in permanent magnet applications of 2 – 200 kW. LE is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, and has manufacturing operations in the Guangdong Province of China.

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