



## **LE Announces New Ballast-Less Lighting Product**

**December 15<sup>th</sup> 2004, Indianapolis, IN** – At PowerGen 2004, LE announced the release of its new ballast-less lighting product, targeted at the portable lighting and construction markets. Utilizing its patented high-efficiency, high-frequency based technology, this new product enables the elimination of traditional ballasts for metal halide and sodium vapor type systems traditionally used in the market.

“The LE technology is very well suited for this application. Light tower users are constantly plagued with ballast failures. It is the leading electrical field failure in the marketplace today. By employing this new technology from LE, we eliminate it entirely” said Matt Johnston, LE’s President and CEO.

The product is commercially available through the LE – Marathon Electric partnership for North American sales as the Magnalite product from Marathon. 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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