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## **Orion Energy Systems, Inc. Announces Retention of Skadden, Arps Law Firm as Defense Counsel in Purported Class Action Lawsuits**

MANITOWOC, Wis., Apr 11, 2008 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:OESX) today announced that it has retained the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as defense counsel in purported securities class action lawsuits filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The lawsuits allege, among other things, that Orion, certain of its officers, and members of its Board of Directors made misstatements and failed to disclose material information in the registration statement and prospectus for Orion's recently completed initial public offering. Orion believes that it has substantial legal and factual defenses in this action, which it intends to pursue vigorously. Orion will continue to focus on its competitive strengths and growth strategies to deliver what it believes are compelling energy savings and environmental benefits through innovative energy efficiency technologies for commercial and industrial customers throughout the United States.

About Orion Energy Systems, Inc.

Orion Energy Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:OESX) is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and implements energy management systems, consisting primarily of high-performance, energy efficient lighting systems and controls and related services, for commercial and industrial customers without compromising their quantity or quality of light.

Orion has deployed its energy management systems in 3,300 facilities across North America. Since 2001, Orion technology has displaced over 303 megawatts, saving customers \$304 million, and reducing indirect CO2 emissions by 3.8 million tons.

For more information, visit [www.oriones.com](http://www.oriones.com).

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