

News Release

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Mercury Marine Receives Environmental Stewardship Award

Fond du Lac, Wis. (March 1, 2007) - Mercury Marine has received Orion's Environmental Stewardship Award for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This was accomplished by installing energy-efficient lighting in their nine Wisconsin facilities.

Mercury Marine is the world's leading provider of recreational marine propulsion engines. A \$2.3 billion division of Brunswick Corporation, Mercury and its 6,300 employees worldwide provide engines, boats, services and parts for recreational, commercial and government marine applications.

Orion Energy Systems of Plymouth, Wisconsin, working in concert with Mercury's Energy and Utilities Department, determined the optimal lighting solution. Mercury replaced 3,000 metal halide light fixtures with Orion's T-8 energy efficient Illuminator. This lighting project is saving 4.23 million kilowatts hours (kWh) annually and 84.6 million kWh over the sustainable lifetime of the lighting fixtures.

The environmental impact of Mercury Marine's energy-efficient lighting projects will decrease air pollution and environmental damage over the lifetime by 82,482 tons of carbon dioxide, 22,493 tons of carbon, 358.7 tons of sulfur dioxide, 173 tons of nitrous oxides, and 3.13 pounds of mercury. This is the equivalent of saving 6.99 million gallons of gas, removing 11,983 cars from the road or saving 166,662 barrels of oil.

In addition, Mercury Marine will take enough power off the electrical grid, 654 kilowatts, to provide enough electricity to power 654 homes or a bedroom community of over 2,616 people, according to the EPA formula.

“The sustainable savings of electricity by Mercury Marine should serve as a blueprint for other publicly traded companies in the U.S.: It improves company profits, shareholder value and environmental footprint,” stated Neal Verfuert, President of Orion Energy Systems. “By presenting Mercury Marine with the Environmental Stewardship Award, Orion wanted to highlight the fact that this energy efficient lighting project was good for everyone involved including Fond du Lac itself: It was good business, good employee relations and good environmentalism.”

“We are pleased to receive this award from Orion Energy Systems as it confirms Mercury Marine’s commitment to an energy efficient and energy conscientious culture,” stated Jerry Eaton, Director Energy and Utilities for Mercury Marine. “We take our responsibility as an environmental steward very seriously. Energy efficiency is crucial in maintaining our competitive edge while reducing our impact on the environment.”

About Mercury Marine

Mercury Marine is the world's leading manufacturer of recreational marine propulsion engines. A \$2.3 billion division of Brunswick Corporation (NYSE: BC), Mercury and its 6,400 employees worldwide provide engines, boats, services and parts for recreational, commercial and government marine applications. Mercury's industry-leading brand portfolio includes Mercury and Mariner outboard engines; Mercury MerCruiser sterndrives and inboard engines; MotorGuide trolling motors; Mercury and Teignbridge propellers; MotoTron electronic controls; Mercury inflatable boats; Mercury SmartCraft electronics; and Mercury and Quicksilver parts and oils. In 2006, Mercury Marine's OptiMax engine was ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Two-Stroke Outboard Engines" by J.D. Power and Associates, and Mercury MerCruiser engines were ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction with Sterndrive Engines." More information is available at www.mercurymarine.com.

About Orion Energy Systems

Orion was recently featured on a recent PBS Nightly Business Report segment, this Plymouth WI company manufactures and markets energy efficient lighting solutions for the manufacturing, distribution center, warehousing, commercial, school, and gymnasium markets. Orion provides capacity displacement solutions for supply side management, transmission management, and demand side management for the electricity industry.

Orion's innovative Illuminator, an energy-efficient lighting platform for industrial applications, has been awarded a series of 15 patents from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Additionally, it has applied for numerous other patents relating to metering and control technologies for lighting. For more information, please contact Stephen Heins, vice President of Corporate Communications, Orion Energy Systems, sheins@orion.com; 920-892-9340, ext. 226 or to view the NBR segment, visit www.orion.com.