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MH LIGHTING LAUNCHES NEW LIGHTING CONTROLS DIVISION

New Colorado legislation mandates facility owners and designers employ sustainable construction practices

DENVER, Colo. – June 2, 2008 – Lights on. Lights off. A simple act that is often taken for granted, but its absence can profoundly disrupt everyday activities. Despite its level of simplicity, ‘turning on the lights’ requires design precision, technical sophistication, expertise and now energy code compliant practices. In May 2007, Colorado enacted House Bill 07-1146 mandating that all municipalities with a building code adopt the new statewide energy code. To help commercial building contractors navigate the complexities of this new code, MH Lighting launched MH Controls, a dedicated division providing intelligent and fully integrated lighting controls solutions and field services support. A wholly owned division of MH Lighting, MH Controls emerges as Colorado’s only single source provider for commercial-grade, code-compliant lighting and lighting controls products.

For nearly 40 years, MH Lighting regularly provided on-demand lighting controls solutions, and in late 2006 began building MH Control’s infrastructure to meet the anticipated surge in demand for sustainable lighting solutions. With the statewide code enacted, other legislative and market pressures surfaced and pushed facility owners and designers to increase operational utility and versatility, lower construction and operational costs, and embrace the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and other sustainable construction practices. As Colorado’s largest, independent commercial lighting company, MH Lighting launched MH Controls to efficiently and effectively support the industry’s shift towards more sophisticated and environmentally friendly solutions.

Under the new statewide energy code, building engineers and contractors involved in a new construction project or renovating or enhancing an existing structure must meet the minimum requirements of the IECC 2003 or any successor edition. MH Controls is well positioned to help building contractors achieve compliance by bringing the top lighting, controls and automation technology manufacturers under one powerhouse brand. Utilizing network-controlled scheduling, occupancy sensors, photocells, and thermostats, MH Controls can intelligently alter a facility’s lighting scenes, climate control, and media availability by room, zone or globally with the touch of a keypad or remote. To date, this level of advanced system integration required interfacing with multiple manufactures, IT technicians and vendors. MH Controls’ centralized business approach assigns one representative per project and eliminates multi-vendor hassles, unplanned expenses and ensures energy code compliance throughout the scope of the project.

The MH Difference

In step with its parent company's commitment to superb customer service, MH Controls rolled out a proactive field services support program designed to provide one-on-one planning and installation guidance on-site. Building contractors receive three meetings on-site per project, regardless of size, scope or budget. The initial appointment is a 'rough-in meeting' focused on assessing the scope of the project, including site inspection, compliance protocols, product overviews, and construction timeline. Once all products have arrived at the construction site, MH Controls coordinates a 'trim and equipment' meeting to reconcile product manifest and walk through the installation process. In the final meeting, known as 'system commissioning and owner training,' MH Controls integrates, programs and tests system functionality and trains clients how to use the professional-grade, advanced lighting controls systems.

Professionally trained and accredited building systems specialists conduct all three meetings to ensure project stakeholders receive the technical and electrical insight necessary to properly integrate sophisticated lighting controls and building systems with the projects lighting systems. MH Controls' team of expert systems engineers and master-grade electricians boast more than 60 years of experience integrating software and hardware platforms, and computer networks on projects involving lighting control, telecommunications, audio/video entertainment, teleconferencing, security/fire safety systems, network wiring, video surveillance, and building automation. MH Controls' technicians hold advanced field service and product certifications with companies like Wattstopper, Strand Lighting and Crestron, as well as electrical engineering degrees, master electrical licenses, and certifications from major software manufacturers such as Microsoft and Novell.

"The increasing market demand for sustainable, and energy-efficient intelligent buildings has rendered independent, non-integrated building systems ineffective," said Steve Woodward, president and GM of MH Lighting. "MH Controls delivers the products, service and expertise necessary to achieve a higher level of design and integration and meet the new performance objectives re-defining the construction industry."

MH Controls supports projects in education, corporate, government, gaming, performing arts, house of worship and multi-dwelling units. The division's expansive network of alliance partners enables MH Controls to provide an integrated systems approach across the following core competencies:

- Lighting control systems
- Control and automation technologies
- Systems infrastructure
- Audio/visual systems
- Display and presentation technologies
- Meeting and conferencing technologies
- Security and asset management

To learn more about MH Controls, visit www.mhcontrols.com or call (303) 573-0222.

About MH Controls

MH Controls is a wholly owned division of MH Lighting that provides intelligent and fully integrated lighting and controls solutions and field services support for the commercial building industry. Founded in 2008, MH Controls brings top lighting, controls and automation technology manufacturers under one powerhouse brand to deliver a single source for expert data network and electrical support and statewide energy code compliance. Utilizing network-controlled sensors, photocells, and thermostats, MH Controls can intelligently alter a facility's lighting scenes, climate control, and media availability by room, zone or globally with the touch of a keypad or remote. MH Controls supports projects in education, corporate, government, gaming, performing arts, house of worship and multi-dwelling units. Visit www.mhcontrols.com or call (303) 573-0222 to learn how MH Controls can help your company *Be Brilliant.*[®]

About MH Lighting

Founded in 1970, MH Lighting is an authorized manufacturers representative for commercial-grade lighting products and advanced lighting control solutions in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. With offices in Denver, Colorado Springs and Vail, MH Lighting's experienced lighting team works with design professionals to help evaluate and assist in the selection of interior/exterior lighting products. MH Lighting has an experienced staff of project coordinators who manage project progress to ensure on-time product delivery. As Colorado's largest commercial lighting supplier, MH Lighting provides an extensive selection of lighting products for indoor, outdoor, emergency, theater, control, poles, decorative and landscape. For more information, visit www.mhlighting.com or call (303) 573-0222.

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