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Philips Lighting joins The Lighting Research Office.

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Cleveland, Ohio (March 19, 2003) – [The Lighting Research Office](#), a service of the [Electric Power Research Institute](#), has announced that [Philips Lighting](#) has become the newest member of The Lighting Research Office.

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The Lighting Research Office (LRO) is please to announce that Philips Lighting, a division of [Royal Philips Electronics](#) of the Netherlands, has become the latest member of the LRO. Philips Lighting joins the LRO at the Research Supporter level.

"We are very pleased to support the quality research that the LRO administers and delivers to the lighting industry. Being the global leader in lighting, it makes perfect sense for Philips to contribute to the value that the LRO delivers. Our commitment will add to the growing pool of support that benefits the industry and users of lighting as a whole," stated Frank Latassa, Senior Director of Research and

Development at Philips Lighting.

"We are pleased to have this increased support from Philips Lighting. Their contribution will further enable our activities of delivering significant research to global practitioners of lighting," added Terry McGowan, Executive Director of The Lighting Research Office.

For further information about the LRO, visit <http://www.lightingresearchoffice.org>, or contact:

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About Philips Lighting

Philips is number one in the global lighting market, a position supported by leadership in innovation combined with a systematic approach to seeking out new market opportunities. Philips' strategic ambition is to set the pace in the lighting industry as the first-choice innovative partner for the supply of creative and cost-effective lighting solutions.

Products include a full range of incandescent and halogen lamps, compact and standard fluorescent lamps, high-intensity gas-discharge and special lamps, fixtures, ballasts, lighting electronics, and automotive lamps.

Philips Lighting employs some 47,000 people worldwide. Manufacturing operations are in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Poland, the United States, Canada, Brazil, India, Indonesia, Thailand, the People's Republic of China, South Korea, Spain, and Mexico.

More information about Philips Lighting can be found at <http://www.lighting.philips.com>.

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About Royal Philips Electronics of the Netherlands

Royal Philips Electronics of the Netherlands is one of the world's largest electronics companies, and Europe's largest, with sales of €32.2 billion in 2001. It is a global leader in color television sets, lighting, electric shavers, medical diagnostic imaging and patient monitoring, and one-chip television products. Philips has 186,090 employees in more than sixty countries, active in the areas lighting, consumer electronics, domestic appliances, components, semiconductors, and medical systems. Philips is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (Symbol: PHG), and on the London, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, and other stock exchanges.

More information about Royal Philips Electronics can be found at <http://www.philips.com>.

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About The Lighting Research Office

Light is tightly linked to human health, behavior, safety, productivity, and well being. The LRO is dedicated to creating a knowledge base of those relationships by undertaking research programs that examine light's effect on people in the workplace, school, hospital, institution, and in the home. At the same time, these research efforts look at ways that electric lighting can use our energy resources more effectively and efficiently.

The LRO draws upon a substantial body of research initiated by The Lighting Research Institute, a non-profit research partnership formed between leaders of the lighting industry and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America in 1982. By 1995, this partnership conducted more than one hundred 100 research programs and studies that now for the basis for lighting recommendations and standards for North America and much of the industrialized world. The Lighting Research Institute became an EPRI Center of Excellence in 1995, and was renamed The Lighting Research Office. The LRO now combines the strength of the original research base with ongoing EPRI and other private and public support to carry out its research agenda.

The LRO Research Program is organized to achieve two primary goals:

1. Increase human productivity, health, well being, and quality of life by understanding, describing, and applying the effects of light.

2. Encourage the use of high-quality energy-saving lighting systems by providing technical and educational information to lighting designers, educators, project managers, utilities, government, luminaire manufacturers, and others who design, maintain, manufacture, specify, purchase, and use lighting.

LRO Mission Statement:

The LRO, an EPRI Center of Excellence, builds knowledge about light's effects on human performance and productivity, and transfers this knowledge to encourage the development of efficient and effective lighting. LRO maintains its independence through voluntary outside funding and control of its research agenda.

More information about the LRO can be found at <http://www.lightingresearchoffice.org>.

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About The Electric Power Research Institute

Electricity is increasingly recognized as a key to social and human progress throughout the world, driving economic prosperity, and improving the quality of life. EPRI delivers the science and technology to make the generation, delivery, and use of electricity affordable, efficient, and environmentally sound.

Created by the nation's electric utilities in 1973, EPRI is one of America's oldest and largest research consortia. Linked to a global network of technical specialists, EPRI scientists and engineers develop innovative solutions to the world's toughest energy problems while expanding opportunities for a dynamic industry.

More information about EPRI can be found at <http://www.epri.com>.