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VERIS INDUSTRIES ANNOUNCES COMMITMENT TO SUSPEND THE USE OF RoHS SPECIFIED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES IN THEIR PRODUCTS

PORTLAND, Ore – August 26, 2005 – Veris Industries, the leading supplier of control system peripherals for the commercial HVAC industry, announced today that they will increase their efforts to abolish the use of hazardous substances as specified by the European Union’s RoHS (Restriction of Hazardous Substances) Directive on chemical substances.

RoHS is a European legislative directive that bans the use of lead, mercury, hexavalent chrome, cadmium, PBB and PBDE in components sold in the European Union, and goes into effect in July 2006.

As a global manufacturer of a wide range of control system peripherals, Veris is committed to developing products, which comply with the RoHS Directive, and promoting the nonuse of hazardous substances from the viewpoints of environmental preservation and risk reduction in business activities.

“The global demand for environmentally friendly product solutions is growing rapidly,” said Joanne Edwards, Veris’ CEO. “And Veris is dedicated to working with our customers to offer products and solutions which fulfill their technical, business and environmental program needs.”

Veris has begun the task of evaluating and prioritizing their products for RoHS compliance. Their first RoHS compliant product, the Hawkeye® 600/800 digital current switch, will be released the beginning of September 2005. Appropriate lead free machines have been purchased and installed in their manufacturing plant, and since April 1, 2005 all raw components delivered to Veris are RoHS compliant.

“We understand the importance of removing the hazardous substances from our products, and are working diligently to comply,” said Marc Bowman, VP of Engineering. “We are moving forward to have 100% of our product line RoHS compliant, but are ensuring that the quality our customers have come to expect isn’t lost in the process.”

About Veris Industries

Veris Industries is a premier provider of control system peripherals for the commercial HVAC industry, and is recognized for setting new standards in customer service and product innovation. For additional information on any of Veris’ industry leading products please call 1.800.354.8556 or visit them on the web at www.veris.com.
