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BIRCHWOOD LIGHTING ACQUIRED BY LEVITON AS COMPANY CONTINUES EXPANSION IN LIGHTING

Birchwood Lighting becomes fourth lighting acquisition for Leviton as the company continues to expand the newly formed business unit and offerings available to customers

Tustin, Calif., May 2, 2016 - Birchwood Lighting has been acquired by Leviton, a manufacturer of electrical wiring devices, networking connectivity solutions, energy management controls, automation and most recently, LED lighting. This acquisition comes as Leviton, headquartered in Long Island, continues its expansion and strategic growth in lighting. Birchwood Lighting will be the latest addition to Leviton's newly consolidated Leviton Lighting Business Unit, and brings with it the high-quality, innovative designs and expertise in linear lighting associated with the Birchwood brand. Through this acquisition, both Leviton and Birchwood Lighting will expand product offerings and solutions for all existing and future customers.

"Since Birchwood Lighting's inception over two decades ago, we have prided ourselves on our commitment to product development and to being a partner and resource to our customers," said Darrin Weedon, president and chief visionary officer of Birchwood Lighting. "We're pleased to be joining another family company that shares the same values and will help to expand our resources for customers."

Birchwood Lighting joins JCC, ConTech Lighting and Intense Lighting as the fourth acquisition in the new Leviton Lighting Business Unit. Under the leadership of John Ranshaw, vice president and general manager of the newly integrated business unit, Leviton will focus on continuing to expand its lighting product offering, sales footprint and continuous effort to deliver the broadest portfolio of innovative, high-performance and sustainable lighting solutions and fixtures in the industry.

"From an operational, product development and cultural perspective, Birchwood could not be a better fit for Leviton," said Daryoush Larizadeh, president and chief operating officer of Leviton. "Birchwood Lighting's focus on providing customized solutions for architects, designers and specifiers, paired with their excellence in customer service, makes them the ideal partner to expand our Leviton Lighting Business Unit, and we could not be more excited to welcome them into the Leviton family."

Following the acquisition, Leviton will continue to maintain their separate agent networks and distribution channels and both companies will immediately begin to build on each other's strengths, resources and product offerings.

D.A. Davidson's Investment Banking Group served as exclusive financial advisor to Birchwood Lighting.



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For more information on the acquisition, visit www.leviton.com.

About Birchwood Lighting

Since 1993, Birchwood Lighting has designed and manufactured high-quality specification grade light fixtures tailored to meet the demands of the architectural, commercial and retail design communities. Because of our all-inclusive capabilities to conceive, design, engineer and manufacture almost any type of light fixture in-house, we can continue to regularly introduce stylish, innovative and functional standard products to the design marketplace as well as develop and deliver custom fixtures to order. We can alter or modify any of our standard fixtures to meet your needs. For more information, visit: Birchwoodlighting.com.

About Leviton

Leviton is the smart choice, delivering the most comprehensive range of solutions to meet the needs of today's residential, commercial and industrial customers in more than 90 countries across the globe. From simple switches and receptacles, to networking systems and smart home automation, Leviton exceeds market needs by delivering innovative products to create sustainable, intelligent environments through its electrical wiring devices, network and data center connectivity solutions, LED lighting and lighting energy management systems, and security and automation applications. For Leviton, it is clear the FUTURE IS ON. For more information, visit www.leviton.com, www.facebook.com/leviton, www.twitter.com/leviton or www.youtube.com/Levitonmfg.