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## **Bergstrom Inc. and Johnson Controls-Saft develop lithium-ion battery for NITE® no-idle systems**

*Advanced battery technology for commercial vehicle industry weighs less and  
results in longer lifespan*

**Louisville, Kentucky.** (March 24, 2010) – Bergstrom Inc. and Johnson Controls-Saft today announced the development of a lithium-ion (Li-Ion) battery for NITE® no-idle systems ([www.nitesystem.com](http://www.nitesystem.com)) that will improve power efficiency, result in longer run times and enhance the environmental benefits of its no-idle units.

There are several key benefits of the Li-Ion battery. At only 110 lbs, the Li-ion battery weighs 63 percent less than the traditional battery option. In addition, the Li-ion battery provides 16 percent more power, has 20 percent less volume, and boasts an estimated lifespan of six to eight years.

As a battery-powered, no-idling system, the CARB-approved NITE units are able to generate high BTU cooling capacity without sending damaging emissions into the environment. This helps drivers reduce emissions, comply with increasingly stringent anti-idling laws, and save money on fuel. With its reduced weight and longer run times, the Li-Ion battery will make the NITE units even more sustainable.

*“As anti-idling restrictions continue to evolve, demand on batteries keeps growing,”* said Bill Gordon, director of global marketing and national director of aftermarket for Bergstrom. *“This advanced battery technology offers fleets and owner-operators who live on the road a highly efficient, reliable and green no-idle solution. It’s truly the next generation of batteries for the NITE system.”*

Lithium is the technology of choice for use in batteries because it has the highest electrochemical potential. Its light weight and high energy power densities make it ideal for the commercial vehicle industry, where size and run times are critical factors in successful no-idle systems.

*“Johnson Controls-Saft is excited to leverage our proven lithium-ion battery expertise into a new application in the mature commercial truck market,”* said Ray Shemanski, who leads the Johnson Controls-Saft joint venture. *“Furthermore, this solution supports our efforts to reduce fuel consumption and green house gas emissions, providing a reliable, energy-efficient solution for the trucking industry.”*

The Li-ion battery module will be available in late 2010 as an option for all NITE no-idle systems. It will carry a five-year warranty.

#### **About Saft**

*Saft (Euronext: Saft) is a world specialist in the design and manufacture of high-tech batteries for industry. Saft batteries are used in high performance applications, such as industrial infrastructure and processes, transportation, space and defence. Saft is the world's leading manufacturer of nickel batteries for industrial applications and of primary lithium batteries for a wide range of end markets. The group is also the European leader for specialised advanced technologies for the defence and space industries and world leader in lithium-ion satellite batteries. Saft is also delivering its lithium-ion technology to the emerging applications of clean vehicles and renewable energy storage. With approximately 4,000 employees worldwide, Saft is present in 18 countries. Its 15 manufacturing sites and extensive sales network enable the group to serve its customers worldwide. Saft is listed in the SBF 120 index on the Paris Stock Market.*

*For more information, visit Saft at [www.saftbatteries.com](http://www.saftbatteries.com)*

#### **About Bergstrom Inc.**

*Bergstrom ([www.Bergstrominc.com](http://www.Bergstrominc.com)) is the leading designer and manufacturer of cab climate systems for heavy duty commercial trucks, off-highway machines and specialty vehicles. By combining progressive engineering talent, lean manufacturing principals and a global footprint, Bergstrom offers a unique blend of commercial vehicle marketplace focus and customer value. For more information, please visit [www.bergstrominc.com](http://www.bergstrominc.com).*

#### **About Johnson Controls-Saft**

*Johnson Controls-Saft is a joint venture that has brought together Johnson Controls -- the world's leading supplier of automotive batteries and a company deeply experienced in integrated automotive systems solutions -- with Saft, a world leader in advanced technology batteries for industry with extensive Li-ion battery expertise.*

#### **About Johnson Controls**

*Johnson Controls (NYSE: JCI) is the global leader that brings ingenuity to the places where people live, work and travel. By integrating technologies, products and services, we create smart environments that redefine the relationships between people and their surroundings. Our team of 130,000 employees creates a more comfortable, safe and sustainable world through our products and services for more than 200 million vehicles, 12 million homes and one million commercial buildings. Our commitment to sustainability drives our environmental stewardship, good corporate citizenship in our workplaces and communities, and the products and services we provide to customers. For additional information, please visit <http://www.johnsoncontrols.com/>.*