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USHIO America and Veolia Environmental Services Announce Agreement to Promote Lamp and Ballast Recycling

Cypress, California (January 2009) — USHIO America, a leader in the specialty lighting marketplace, and Veolia Environmental Services, a leader in lamp and ballast recycling, have agreed to work together to offer lamp and ballast recycling solutions to all USHIO America's customers. By offering lamp and ballast recycling, USHIO America now provides complete lighting solution packages from light sources to lamp and ballast recycling services.

"USHIO has long encouraged lamp and ballast recycling as a way of protecting our environment and ensuring the safety of our earth's precious natural resources," said Frank Grobmeier, Sr. Product Market Manager for USHIO America. "By offering our customers one of the easiest ways to recycle spent lamps and ballasts USHIO is taking the next step in our environmental stewardship."

Over 700 million mercury-containing lamps enter end-of-life each year, but only about 25% are currently recycled. For more than forty years, USHIO has been a leader in specialty lamp manufacturing. Today, with the help of Veolia, they will work to increase recycling through their existing customer base to protect the environment.

As part of the agreement, Veolia will establish, maintain and sell RECYCLEPAK® related items online through USHIO's web site. RECYCLEPAK® is a prepaid recycling program whereby one price includes everything needed to properly recycle, including the container, return shipping, recycling and documentation. RECYCLEPAK® is a registered trademark of Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C. Further information is available at <https://recyclepak.ushio.com>.

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About USHIO America, Inc.

USHIO America, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of Specialty and General Illumination lighting solutions based in Cypress, California. Established in 1967 as a subsidiary of USHIO Inc, in Tokyo, Japan, USHIO now carries over 3,500 General Lighting and Specialty products. These Lighting-Edge Technologies™ are provided to a variety of industries such as general illumination, audio-visual, photographic, stage, studio and television, semiconductor, printed circuit, video projection, cinema, UV curing, germicidal, horticulture, graphic arts, flashlight, scientific, medical, dental, ophthalmic, infra-red heating, and many others. For further information, visit www.ushio.com.