

## Egress Marking Systems, Inc. partners with SARGENT® Companies develop enhanced exit device

November 15, 2003 • Trumbull, CT

Egress Marking Systems, Inc. (EMS) today announced that its partnership with New Haven-based SARGENT Manufacturing Co. (an ASSA ABLOY Group company) has resulted in the development of SARGuide™, an exit device that contains an illuminated touch pad for enhanced visibility of an exit in the case of smoke or fire. This new device helps guide users directly to an exit.

Research shows that in panic conditions, exit signs and locations are either missed or go unnoticed. Smoke rises and can quickly block the visibility of standard exit signage. SARGENT exit devices, with the SARGuide™ feature, are placed lower on the door, providing a greater opportunity for safe emergency egress.

"This innovation addresses an important life safety issue," said Leslie Saunders, SARGENT Director of Partner Relations.

"Exit devices operate reliably under extreme conditions and can efficiently provide safe egress. SARGENT has created a product that will help people initially find the exit locations and subsequently get through the doorway. For a true life safety solution, SARGuide™ illuminates all exit locations in a way that is highly visible, while guiding people directly to the means of egress," Saunders added.

Egress Marking Systems, Inc. manufactures the revolutionary E-Lume-A-Path™ lighting system, which is illuminated by FLATLITE®, the world's widest, thinnest, longest light bulb. This electroluminescent lighting technology provides the most visible, flexible, efficient and durable light source in existence.

"By using FLATLITE® as internal illumination, SARGuide™ improves the safety and emergency egress of buildings and aids in visibility in low-light conditions," said Carmen Romeo, managing director at EMS.

"This partnership bridges the best technology from both companies, providing a product that further supplements life safety requirements in building codes," Romeo added.

As a supplement to existing codes for egress lighting, SARGuide™ effectively improves occupant safety in any public building.

OVER

## EMS partners with Sargent

Current codes and standards, such as the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code and UL 1994 Standard for Low-level Path Marking and Lighting Systems, recognize the need to illuminate building egress pathways. The E-Lume-A-Path™ system includes three components: the power supply controller, FLATLITE® electroluminescent lighting and specially formulated surface mounted strips.

EMS combines this patented technology with specially designed power supplies and fixturing to create a system capable to hundreds of feet of light with virtually unlimited battery backup time. E-Lume-A-Path™ is intended for installation in all types of buildings, including high-rise towers, schools, clubs and theaters, hotels, commercial offices, multi-unit and dormitory residence buildings.

Founded in 1864, SARGENT Manufacturing Company is a market leader in the manufacture of architectural hardware, including locksets, cylinders, door closers, exit devices, electromechanical products and access control systems for new construction, renovation, and replacement applications.

The ASSA ABLOY Group is the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of locking solutions dedicated to satisfying end-user needs for security, safety and convenience.

---

For additional information please contact:

**Egress Marking Systems** at **203.610.6240** or email us at [sales@egressmarking.com](mailto:sales@egressmarking.com)