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Lumileds and Epistar Settle Lawsuit

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (July 12, 2004) - Lumileds Lighting U.S., LLC announced today the settlement of the pending litigation between Lumileds and Epistar. The allegations and counter allegations centered on United States Patent No. 5,008,718, which is owned by Lumileds. Although the exact terms of the settlement were not disclosed, the parties have agreed to dismiss all claims and counterclaims in the lawsuit.

As part of the settlement agreement, Lumileds has granted Epistar a limited license to practice several patents in the field of absorbing-substrate AlInGaP LEDs. The financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"We are pleased that Epistar has acknowledged the value of this intellectual property," said Mike Holt, Lumileds' Chief Executive Officer. "Lumileds holds more than 100 patents in the area of high-brightness LEDs and continues to pioneer the development of solid-state lighting technology. We will continue to enforce our intellectual property rights, and to lead the industry in the enabling of never before possible lighting solutions."

About Lumileds Lighting

Lumileds Lighting is the world's leading manufacturer of high-power LEDs and a pioneer in the use of solid-state lighting solutions for everyday purposes including general lighting, automotive lighting, traffic signaling, signage and LCD backlighting. The company's patented Luxeon Power Light Sources are the first to combine the brightness of conventional lighting with the small footprint, long life and other advantages of LEDs. Lumileds also supplies core LED material and LED packaging, manufacturing billions of LEDs annually. Lumileds is headquartered in San Jose, California, with operations in the Netherlands and Malaysia and sales offices throughout the world. For more information visit www.lumileds.com.