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NEMA Calls on Congress to Approve Pending Free Trade Agreements

ROSSLYN, Va., August 1, 2007—The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) urges Congress to swiftly approve pending trade legislation that would further open doors between the United States and several trading-partner countries: South Korea, Panama, Peru, and Colombia.

“Eliminating trade barriers and extending the benefits of free trade are good for both our country and our foreign trading partners,” said NEMA President and Chief Executive Officer Evan Gaddis. “Not only will this help our members build on the electrical equipment trade surpluses that we already enjoy with all four of these countries, it will provide trading partners with even better access to our top-quality U.S. electrical equipment as they seek to further their economic development.”

The organization also calls upon the legislature to renew trade promotion authority. “With the Administration having recently made full concessions on labor and the environment to address the longstanding stated concerns of many members of Congress, now is the time for the Hill leadership to show that it actually does support free trade,” Gaddis added.

NEMA is the trade association of choice for the electrical manufacturing industry. Founded in 1926 and headquartered near Washington, D.C., its approximately 450 member companies manufacture products used in the generation, transmission and distribution, control, and end-use of electricity. These products are used in utility, medical imaging, industrial, commercial, institutional, and residential applications. Domestic production of electrical products sold worldwide exceeds \$120 billion. In addition to its headquarters in Rosslyn, Virginia, NEMA also has offices in Beijing, São Paulo, and Mexico City.

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