



**Electrical Components
International**

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Electrical Components International, Inc. Opens Specialty Products Factory in Mexico

St. Louis, Missouri, January 16, 2005 - Electrical Components International (ECI) has announced the opening of a Specialty Products Harness operation in Juarez, Mexico. ECI is known as the market leader in the wire harnesses and assemblies for the North American home appliance industry and this new facility will help broaden their offering for customers in industries such as lawn/turf care, personnel carriers, agricultural, construction, and industrial equipment as well as the automotive industry with World Class performance in a low cost area. Just as with ECI's other facilities in the United States, Mexico, and China, this new site will utilize latest technology equipment, true Six Sigma quality, lean manufacturing, computerized monitoring equipment, and a focus on continuous improvement while offering proactive customer service.

About Electrical Components International

Electrical Components International, formerly Wire Harness Industries, Inc., is a leading global supplier of wire harnesses, subassemblies, and value-added assembly services, with a leading position in the North American white goods industry. ECI's products can be found in a wide variety of electronic and electro-mechanical applications, including home appliances, transportation equipment, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) products, construction and agricultural equipment, and vending and industrial machines.

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