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## **Control Products Supports Compliance with European Directive by Providing Lead-Free Solutions.**

Minneapolis, Minnesota – April 29, 2005 Control Products, Inc., a trusted leader in electronic control technology, is encouraging its OEM customers that ship equipment into Europe to comply with a new European directive. The directive called RoHS, which stands for **R**estriction of **H**azardous **S**ubstances, takes effect as of July 1, 2006. The most important element of this directive is that products entering Europe after July 1, 2006 must be lead-free. Today the vast majority of electronic assemblies contain lead. As a result the focus is to convert present electronic designs to lead-free and ensure products under development are lead-free

This is a major undertaking for electronics providers due to the need to convert existing designs, undertake lab and field testing, re-submit converted designs to approvals agencies such as UL, CE, CUL, etc., and phase-in to production. Complicating this conversion is the fact that many electronic component suppliers currently do not offer lead-free equivalents to replace many of the components used today.

According to Paul Carlson, Executive Vice President of Control Products, “At this time Europe is not showing any signs of relaxing the enforcement date of July 1, 2006. I encourage our customers to contact us and put together a lead-free plan. There is not a lot of time to waste in order to have peace-of-mind in July 2006.”

### **About Control Products, Inc.**

Since 1985, Control Products, Inc. has been a leader in electronic control solutions specializing in technology, design, embedded communications, Internet connectivity, and manufacturing. Its products are used in many commercial and consumer applications around the world. Application examples include controls and embedded communications for food service equipment, HVAC, medical, industrial, residential security, and freeze protection. To learn more about all the devices and services offered by Control Products, Inc. visit us online at [www.controlproductsinc.com](http://www.controlproductsinc.com) or call 800-947-9098.

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