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**Electric Machinery Company
Awarded a Large Generator Contract with Hydro-Québec**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - Electric Machinery Company, Inc. (EM), a unit of the Converteam Group, recently received an order from Hydro-Québec of Montreal, Québec to supply six hydroelectric synchronous generators for their dam facility at Chute-Allard on the Manouane River, located approximately 180 miles (290 km) north of Montreal. These generators are of vertical configuration and rated at 11,500 kVA at 200 RPM and 13,800 volts. Electric Machinery will also provide on-site engineering services during generator installation, as well as supervision through equipment erection start-up. The total contract value is greater than \$18 million USD (\$19,760,000 Canadian).

EM's client, Hydro-Québec, generates, transmits, and distributes electricity, mainly using renewable energy sources, in particular hydroelectricity. Its sole shareholder is the Québec government. The Chute-Allard project is consistent with Hydro-Quebec's on-going strategy of exploiting Quebec's hydroelectric potential. Their objectives are to install another 4,500MW of hydroelectric power facilities throughout the province via a series of projects scheduled through 2014 (Chute-Allard represents 62MW).

On its two North American sites in Minneapolis, MN and Pittsburgh, PA, Converteam specializes in electrical engineering, systems integration, and the design/manufacture of a wide range of high-power motors, generators, drives/drive systems, and automation/control systems for use in various infrastructure, marine, and industrial applications. The Chute-Allard project is one of the first major contracts secured by EM since Electric Machinery Company became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Converteam on January 6 of this year.

About Converteam - Converteam Group is a world leader in power-conversion engineering. Building on over a century of experience, the company is firmly placed at the leading edge of technology and innovation with a global reputation for excellence in the conversion of electrical energy. Converteam develops and provides solutions built around three core components: rotating machines, drives, and process automation. Serving specialized sectors as well as its core markets in Marine & Offshore, Oil & Gas, Energy, and Industry, its 3,800 staff members provide power conversion solutions worldwide. Headquartered in Massy near Paris, France, the company is operating in various other locations around the world including the United States, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom, Brazil, China, and India. Converteam North American is headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, employing 200 people, with offices in Miami, Houston, Houma (LA), Seattle, and Burlington & Vancouver, Canada. As of January 6, 2007, Electric Machinery Company, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Converteam Group. Founded in 1891, the Minneapolis-based company specializes in the design and manufacture of motors and generators utilized by various types of industrial clients around the world. At year-end 06, Converteam Group's 2006 sales total EUR 696,000,000.