



## **First Fund II Investment Announced**

Concurrent with the announcement of the fund, TSCP has announced its first Fund II investment. On January 12, 2007, TSCP formed CESM Holdings LLC to invest in three related electrical component manufacturing and distribution companies, Tacoma Electric Supply LLC, Connecticut Electric & Switch Mfg. Co. and Parallax Power Supply LLC. Financial terms will not be disclosed.

“We are excited to be partnering with Thompson Street Capital Partners,” explained Randy Mauermann, CEO of CESM Holdings LLC. “As we continue to focus on expanding into new markets and pursuing acquisitions to drive further growth, leveraging the experience of the Thompson Street team will be a strong asset.”

Connecticut Electric and Parallax Power Supply design, manufacture and distribute electrical components for a wide variety of end markets. Tacoma Electric Supply is a market-leading distributor of electrical components that serves the commercial, residential, industrial and infrastructure-related construction industries in the Seattle-Tacoma area. Tacoma Electric is headquartered in Tacoma, Wash. and Connecticut Electric and Parallax Power Supply are headquartered in Anderson, Ind.

### **About Thompson Street Capital Partners**

Thompson Street Capital Partners (TSCP) is a private equity fund that makes investments in manufacturing, service and distribution businesses with annual revenues between \$20 million and \$200 million, and a minimum EBITDA of \$5 million. The fund’s philosophy is to partner with management in leveraged acquisitions, recapitalizations, corporate divestitures and going-private transactions. TSCP was founded in 2001 by James A. Cooper and Peter S. Finley and is located in St. Louis, Mo.

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**Editor's Note:** Interviews with Mr. Cooper and Mr. Finley with Thompson Street Capital Partners or with Mr. Mauermann with CESM Holdings may be arranged through Common Ground Public Relations. Contact: Denise Bentele: 636-530-1235.