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WattStopper's new BIM Revit® families support best practices throughout a building's lifecycle

SANTA CLARA, CA October 2011 – WattStopper announces new BIM Objects for a broad array of its innovative lighting control products. Building Information Modeling (BIM) uses three-dimensional, real-time, dynamic building modeling software to increase productivity in building design and construction. BIM is at the heart of integrated project delivery (IPD), intended to bring the full range of stakeholders (e.g., architects, engineers, contractors, building product manufacturers, and owners) together prior to construction, allowing broad collaboration at an early stage as well as a high level of shared expertise. The benefits are pervasive and long-term, reducing change orders, slashing paperwork, and identifying and avoiding potentially costly conflicts.

The new WattStopper BIM Revit® families are available for 46 of the company's products, including a majority of Digital Lighting Management (DLM) products and popular wall switch occupancy sensor models.

"With the new BIM Revit families, design and construction professionals can optimize the use of lighting controls within the built environment. More than ever, lighting controls now need to harmonize with other construction aspects, such as architectural daylighting design decisions, HVAC system sizing, and other considerations. Using BIM will help the industry attain new standards in energy efficiency and sustainability, both in the construction process itself as well as in the ongoing energy performance of the facility," notes Charles Knuffke, WattStopper Western Regional Vice President of Sales. Specifiers, designers, project teams, and other stakeholders can easily access and download WattStopper BIM objects free of charge online at <http://www.wattstopper.com/products/bim-resources.html> or at www.smartbim.com.

WattStopper (www.wattstopper.com), a Legrand group brand, is a leading manufacturer of energy efficient lighting controls for commercial and residential use. We help customers find convenient ways to save energy, meet green initiatives, and comply with energy codes with our comprehensive range of products, programs, and services. Legrand (www.legrandelectric.com), located in Limoges, France, is the world specialist in products and systems for electrical installations and information networks, offering solutions for use in residential, commercial and industrial buildings.

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