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## Cornwall Canlyte Facility to Undergo \$5M Expansion

The following is a media release issued by Canlyte Inc. on May 13, 2004.



Canlyte Inc. is pleased to announce a major expansion of our Cornwall fluorescent facility. Five million dollars will be invested to add 67,500 square feet to the existing building resulting in a 156,500 square foot facility. Built originally on a green site this expansion in space and equipment will continue Cornwall's reputation as Canada's most modern lighting fabrication plant.

This expansion comes at a time when North American manufacturers are being challenged by low cost producing countries. It takes vision, courage and determination to excel and move forward with manufacturing in this country. Our addition will more than double the original planned capacity of the facility. The primary objective of the expansion is to improve our service to customers by adopting state of the art manufacturing technologies and processes. These processes are designed to increase throughput, increase service reliability while assuring consistent high product quality.

The new plant layout is designed around lean manufacturing principles to remove all non-value added operations like material handling, transport and excessive storage. Strategies like "point of use storage" are used to locate materials at the desired work cell to eliminate handling operations and reduce cycle time. Additional space allows for larger capacity presses and new flexible manufacturing work cells to increase the throughput in the press shop. The use of HMI (human machine interface) technology will facilitate work cell data collection at the shop floor level. This information can be accessed remotely allowing management to adjust capacities and work flows based on customer and operational requirements. All these processes will be integrated into our existing ERP (enterprise resource planning) system linking the entire manufacturing process from our vendors to our customers. ERP creates a transparency within our processes, so customers benefit with better information and service performance on their product requirements.

The Cornwall facility currently operates 3 shifts with 250 employees and

manufactures products for the Lightolier and CFI Fluorescent brands within Canlyte. Several products are manufactured for North American consumption along our domestic products for Canada. Cornwall has always adopted a manufacturing philosophy of advanced design processes and advanced flexible manufacturing work cells to permit Canlyte to enter new markets quickly and effectively. Our rapid growth over the years is a testament to this fact. We will continue on our growth path as this expansion is planned in conjunction with aggressive new product plans to support our fluorescent business.

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Canlyte is Canada's leading designer manufacturer and supplier of lighting equipment operating from three manufacturing facilities in Cornwall, Lachine and Cambridge and headquartered in Lachine. Our brands include CFI Fluorescent, Keene, Lightolier, Lightolier Controls, Stonco, Wide-Lite and Uniglo. Canlyte employs approximately 600 people in Canada and also operates a state-of-the-art education and demonstration facility in Toronto called the Lighting Concept Centre. Canlyte has a strong international framework and a firm financial base as a Canadian subsidiary of the US-based Genlyte Thome Group LLC.

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