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**Rayconnect Get's the Gold!
Awarded Prestigious LEED Green Building Certification**

Rochester Hills, MI – Rayconnect, Inc. announced today that it has been awarded LEED Gold Certification, making it the first manufacturing facility in the State of Michigan to receive this award. Established by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and verified by the Green Building Certification institute (GCBI). LEED is the nation's preeminent program for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

“One of our main goals was to build a facility that would demonstrate our commitment to environmental responsibility, and that is what drove every aspect in the design and construction of the facility,” states Earl Brown, President, Rayconnect, Inc.

This success is also shared with KIRCO and KIRCO MANIX who designed, developed, and constructed this 80,000 square foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Rochester Hills, Michigan. During its construction 40% of materials used were from regional sources, and an additional 30% of materials were from recycled content. As an end result they successfully diverted 75% of construction waste to recycling plants.

“We are proud to have Rayconnect, Inc. in our community, their success in obtaining this certification will hopefully serve as a model for those existing and new businesses who are trying to achieve higher environmental standards,” states Mayor Bryan Barnett. “We are excited to be a part of this celebration, and congratulate them for receiving this prestigious award.”

Rayconnect, Inc. achieved LEED Gold certification for its reduction in energy use by 35%, a reduced water demand of 40%, having energy efficient lighting, recycled material use, as well as incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies. By using less energy and water, a LEED certified building saves money for families, businesses and taxpayers; reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and contributes to a healthier environment for residents, employees, and the community.

“Rayconnect's LEED Gold certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership,” said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, and U.S Green Building Council. “The urgency of USGBC's mission has challenged the industry to move faster and reach further than ever before and Rayconnect, Inc. serves as a prime example of just how much we can accomplish”.

The USGBC will present Rayconnect, Inc. and KIRCO with the first LEED Gold Green Building Certification on Tuesday, March 30, 2010. A press conference will be held prior to the ceremony at 3pm at the facility headquarters, located at 2350 Austin Avenue, Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309.

Rayconnect, Inc. is a worldwide leader for fluid handling products and quick connectors within the automotive and heavy duty vehicle industry. Quick connectors provide an easy and economical assembly solution while simultaneously reducing vehicle assembly and labor time as well as hydrocarbon emissions.

Rayconnect Inc., is a proud member of the A. Raymond Group, a global, family owned business established in 1865. For more than 140 years, A. Raymond has developed its industrial activity with respect for people and the environment.

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