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## THOMAS & BETTS CORPORATION ACQUIRES THE HOMAC MANUFACTURING COMPANY

### Acquisition Enhances Company's Leadership in Utility Distribution Markets

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. - January 17, 2008** - Thomas & Betts Corporation (NYSE:TNB) today announced that it has acquired The Homac Manufacturing Company (Homac), a privately held manufacturer of components used in utility distribution and substation markets, as well as industrial and telecommunications markets, for \$75 million. In 2007, Homac sales were approximately \$65 million.

"Homac is a leader in the market for secondary underground distribution connectors and has an excellent reputation for quality, innovation and service," said Dominic J. Pileggi, chairman and chief executive officer. "This acquisition of market-leading brands and technology is highly complementary to Thomas & Betts' portfolio of power delivery products and is consistent with our goal of providing a broad line of high-quality, value-added products to customers in key electrical markets."

Thomas & Betts Corporation is a leading manufacturer of electrical components used in construction, industrial and utility markets. The company is also a leading producer of commercial heating and ventilation units and highly engineered steel structures used primarily for utility transmission. Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., the company has manufacturing, distribution and office facilities worldwide. More information on the company, its products and markets can be found at [www.tnb.com](http://www.tnb.com).

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