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December 9, 2009 – Carpinteria, CA - **BEGA-US** President, Don Kinderdick is pleased to announce the beginning of the company's Phase II expansion which was kicked off with a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, December 9, 2009.

The 40,000 square foot expansion will house a new engineering lab, three employee apartments and will substantially increase warehouse space to provide for future company growth. Attending were members of the Carpinteria City Council and the Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce, as well as over 100 members of the company's local workforce.

BEGA is the source of a broad range of lighting products with uncompromising emphasis on elegance in design, superior materials, and performance. In 1985, a joint venture partnership was formed with **BEGA** in Germany, allowing the entire **BEGA** product offering to be sold here in the U.S. This partnership was the inception of **BEGA-US**, a U.S. corporation.

Today **BEGA-US** is a 45 million dollar enterprise, with an 80,000 square foot state-of-the-art manufacturing facility and corporate offices located in Carpinteria, CA. More than 50% of BEGA's product content is U.S. sourced, with many products being 100% designed and built locally.

A handful of local **BEGA** installations include the Santa Barbara Courthouse, the Ventura Pier, the Disney Concert Hall, the Getty Museum and the Summerland Bike Path.