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**Cascade Engineering Honored for Green Practices,
Achieves Highest LEED EB Certification from U.S. Green Buildings Council**
First Commercial Building in Michigan to Achieve Designation

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 2007 – Cascade Engineering today announced another milestone in its journey to sustainability, as its corporate headquarters has been LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified “Platinum” by the U.S. Green Buildings Council. The Platinum designation indicates that Cascade has the highest level within the LEED EB (existing building) rating system.

Cascade becomes the first office building in Michigan to achieve this high level accreditation, and one of only eight buildings nationwide to achieve the designation under the LEED EB protocol.

“The Learning Community,” as Cascade’s Grand Rapids headquarters is known, has made significant strides towards green practices in the past 12-months, including the elimination of 93 percent of the building’s waste that supersedes their previously accomplished waste reduction initiatives. The Company also achieved significant energy savings – reducing consumption by 21 percent – through a mix of automatic lighting, energy efficient materials and other innovative methods.

“Cascade has achieved this great honor by leveraging our significant expertise in sustainable business practices, drawing on our experience in helping others achieve their sustainability goals, and encouraging innovative ideas at all levels of the organization,” said Fred Keller, Cascade Engineering’s Chairman, President and CEO. “I am extremely proud of the combined efforts of everyone who has played a role in helping us exemplify the tenets of sustainability on a day-to-day basis.”

In the initial four months following full implementation, operational savings realized from Cascade’s LEED EB-related improvements have more than paid for the expense of instituting the new standards. Among Cascade’s additional LEED EB achievements is a 59 percent reduction in employee absenteeism, which has helped to reduce out-of-pocket employee healthcare costs by 34 percent. The Company has also reduced its irrigation water needs by more than 98 percent while reducing domestic water use by 59 percent. In addition, Cascade recently acquired an electric car for employee use on campus to help reduce fuel consumption and exhaust emissions.

Keller concluded, “Maintaining a truly sustainable environment is a continual evolving process that requires taking a close look at all aspect of our operations and community involvement. Thanks to the dedication of our employees we plan to remain at the forefront of these practices for many years to come.”

About Cascade Engineering: Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Cascade Engineering is a leader in the development, engineering and manufacturing of plastics solutions for multiple industries, including the automotive, industrial and solid waste markets. The Company is a strong advocate for "sustainable" business practices that emphasize the key role business can play in building financial, social and ecological capital. Through its focus on attracting and developing welfare recipients as long-term employees, Cascade has learned that becoming an "Employer of Choice" can be a powerful component of overall business strategy.

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