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New SmartLoad Welding System i-3™ from GED boosts throughput up to 70 percent

Twinsburg, OH – January 21, 2008 — GED Integrated Solutions introduces SmartLoad i-3™, a new automated vinyl welder that delivers increased flexibility, speed and accuracy. Results include less labor and higher throughputs, resulting in decreased lead times.

The advanced automation of the SmartLoad i-3 allows one operator to do the work of two. Using the SmartLoad i-3™ module, the operator simply uploads the schedule and pre-loads vinyl profiles. The profiles then run through the SmartLoad i-3 continuously. This non-stop operation and quick changeover boost throughput by up to 70 percent.

SmartLoad i-3 is part of GED's SmartPlant™ vision that integrates glass and vinyl production with LeanNET® software solutions to help manufacturers gain control and eliminate confusion on the production floor. The modular availability of each i-3 vinyl and glass product allows manufacturers to gain major productivity benefits now while creating the ideal plant one system at a time.

As a part of GED's complete line of glass and window fabrication equipment and software, the SmartLoad i-3 is backed by the company's leading training and support services. For more information, contact GED at (330) 963-5401 or visit www.gedusa.com.

About GED Integrated Solutions

GED Integrated Solutions manufactures fully integrated insulating glass and vinyl window and door fabrication systems including the revolutionary Intercept® i-3 IG spacer frame production system. The company's i-3 platform works with LeanNET communications software to integrate every facet of a plant's operation, increasing profit and getting orders out the door faster. GED's commitment to innovation that addresses its customers' needs is evidenced by the fact that 18 of the top 20 manufacturers utilize GED's equipment and software solutions.

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Photo caption: SmartWeld i-3™ uses non-stop, controlled-pace operation to increase throughput by up to 70 percent.