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## **HES, Inc. Introduces a Genuine Breakthrough In Electric Strikes with the 8000 Series**

**PHOENIX, AZ (September 24, 2007)** - HES, Inc., an ASSA ABLOY Group company, announces the release of the 8000 Series, a revolutionary, concealed electric strike that requires no cutting on the frame. Best of all, this new solution includes patented vertical adjustability to overcome misalignment, door sag and other 'real world' conditions.

Based on the popular 5000 Series, the 8000 delivers Grade 1 strength in a compact design that sits completely hidden within the door frame, for clean installation and superior aesthetics. In fact, the electric strike is shallow enough to fit right into a standard ANSI/BHMA A115.2 dustbox like the Curries® E-I frame preparation. Engineered to work with all major cylindrical locks, the 8000 series electric strike is also field selectable 12/24 VDC/VAC and fail safe/fail secure.

While a concealed electric strike is by no means new for HES, the 8000 represents a quantum leap forward, delivering true performance with a critical new feature: vertical adjustability. As Michael Webb, President and CEO of HES Inc., notes, "HES originally pioneered this innovative internal ramp, concealed electric strike design in 1986 with the introduction of our 9000 series. Unfortunately, because doors and frames are commonly out of vertical alignment, we experienced a 40% failure rate with the products during installation, which led to our discontinuing it in 1990. Now with our new patented design, installers can achieve perfect alignment in this imperfect world." With vertical adjustability, the 8000 series delivers true

convenience, aesthetics and performance, with an installation time of only a few minutes. With ground-breaking engineering and unique product features, HES is once again raising the standards for electric strikes.

**About HES, Inc.** A leading manufacturer of electric strikes and locking devices for the access control industry, HES develops products that solve customers' needs. First to market with cutting edge solutions like the versatile 1006 series and the completely surface-mounted 9600 electric strike, HES has built a global reputation for innovation, strength, and service. An ASSA ABLOY Group company, HES currently markets HES, Folger Adam Electric Door Controls® and Vista™ lines.

**About ASSA ABLOY.** ASSA ABLOY is the global leader in door opening solutions, dedicated to satisfying end-user demands for security, safety and convenience.

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