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Clarke Acquires Interest in LittLine Environmental Technologies LLC

Patent Pending Technology To Be Integrated Into Clarke's Service Operation
And Product Offerings

ROSELLE, Ill. (October 12, 2009) – Clarke has announced a purchase investment in LittLine Environmental Technologies LLC. Clarke will now work with co-owners of Clean Lakes Inc. to market the LittLine system. LittLine is a littoral zone treatment deployment technology that allows aquatic weed specialists to treat specific segments of the water column. This precision dosing of algacides, herbicides and other pesticides can reduce the amount of chemicals used in waterways up to 80 percent.

“LittLine technology is key to furthering our efforts to reduce pesticide load in ponds and waterways,” said Joel Fruendt, V.P. and General Manager for Clarke. “We immediately understood the benefits afforded by LittLine and it will help us achieve our ambitious environmental stewardship goals and a more sustainable way of conducting business.”

LittLine technology will be installed on the entire Clarke fleet of watercraft, said Fruendt. In addition, the LittLine system will be made available to those interested in maintaining their water areas themselves. More information on the LittLine system can be found at www.littline.com.

“This partnership with Clarke is the next step in extending LittLine's reach into new areas,” said Tom McNabb, president of Clean Lakes, Inc. “Since its inception, LittLine has proven to be an asset to companies working to control weeds and invasive species in waterways, lakes and ponds.”

The Clarke group of companies is a global environmental products and services business based in Roselle, Ill (www.clarke.com). In 2006, it received the Loyola Family Business of the Year award for its commitment to quality, innovation and tradition.

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