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***NORTEK TO ACQUIRE HOME TECHNOLOGY COMPANY***

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PROVIDENCE, RI, July 15, 2005—**Nortek, Inc.** ("**Nortek**"), a leading international designer, manufacturer and marketer of high-quality branded building products, today announced that a company formed by its Linear LLC subsidiary has acquired the assets of Niles Audio Corporation ("**Niles**"), a supplier of speakers and audio and video distribution products to the custom home installation market. This acquisition expands **Nortek's** home technology product offering.

Niles is a privately held firm located in Miami, Florida. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

Richard L. Bready, **Nortek's** Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said that, "One of our major business strategies is to acquire growing businesses that complement our existing wide range of products for the home. The acquisition of Niles adds another leading brand name, new product and additional distribution that

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complements **Nortek's** existing home-technology businesses that manufacture and sell products to distribute audio and video in residences." Mr. Bready added that he was very pleased that Frank Sterns, Executive Vice President of Niles, is remaining with the company to lead its continued growth.

Niles, founded in 1978, has a product offering of over 500 products covering every aspect of whole-house audio distribution and the integration of audio/video systems, including speakers, receivers, amplifiers, controls and accessories. Niles product lines and dealer networks complement those of Elan, Panamax, OmniMount, Xantech, M&S Systems and SpeakerCraft—Linear subsidiaries, which also manufacture and sell products to distribute audio, video and data in residences. These companies as a group are positioned to be a leader in the whole-house audio and home theater products industry.

Linear also manufactures and sells security devices, structured wiring, garage door radio controlled operators, commercial gate operators, telephone entry systems and other related products.

**Nortek\*** (a wholly owned subsidiary of **Nortek Holdings**, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of **NTK Holdings, Inc.**) is a leading international manufacturer and distributor of high-quality, competitively priced building, remodeling and

indoor environmental control products for the residential and commercial markets. **Nortek** offers a broad array of products for improving the environments where people live and work. Its products include: range hoods and other spot ventilation products; heating and air conditioning systems; indoor air quality systems; and specialty electronic products.

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