Clear Exits Save Lives-
Sparta Capital Reacts to Unnecessary Tragedies

Calgary, Alberta (FSCwire) – July 26, 2016 - All too often the importance of a clear pathway, stairwell, or ramp is not realized and the results can be fatal. Management and staff at Illumineris Inc., a division of Sparta Capital Ltd. (TSXV: SAY.H), (the “Corporation” or “Sparta”) are hoping a recent guilty plea in a fatal Toronto apartment fire will serve as a reminder of how vital clear pathways and properly illuminated exit signs are.

As reported by Toronto media outlets, the owner of a high-rise apartment building in the city pleaded guilty this month to several fire code violations after a woman died and 7 people were injured in a fire in April 2015. He now faces a $71,000 fine. Late last year, a Calgary based developer was charged $32,000 after pleading guilty to four charges under the Safety Codes Act for violations of the Alberta Fire Code. Those violations were in relation to a townhouse complex.

Just a few years ago Winnipeg beefed up its fire code offence fines as an incentive for compliance. By the end of this year the city of Montreal will have a place where residence can check online to see if their landlord has ever been fined for contravening city of Montreal fire bylaws – sending yet another message about the importance of proper exit signage and egress markings.

In the case of the Toronto high-rise, the city’s Fire Services and the Ontario Fire Marshall’s office reported that violations included not having exit signs illuminated and not testing for emergency lighting. According to news reports, investigators also discovered that the door of a stairwell didn’t close properly and the smoke from the fire made its way into that stairwell, which is where the deceased along with her family were found.

“It’s hard to think about these situations when you know they don’t have to happen. Being proactive by installing proper exit and egress markings as opposed to reactive is what prevents tragedy. Exit signs aren’t that hard to maintain and in the case of photoluminescent signs, they don’t require electricity so there is no need to constantly test them to ensure they work,” said President of Illumineris, Martin Troughton.

According to hospital officials, the number one cause of death related to fires is smoke inhalation so quick exit from a building in this type of emergency is crucial. Sparta and fire officials agree that exits signs are not always enough, that visible markings are also important in office buildings, retail buildings, and apartments. Although many lives were lost on September 11, 2001
in New York City, fire officials say more than 16,000 people escaped in total darkness even when the emergency back-up power systems failed. The twin towers had photoluminescent exit pathway markings to guide people out.

Sadly, over 300 Toronto building owners have been charged with fire code violations so far this year. Sparta management is pleased to hear that Toronto Fire Service is stepping up high-rise inspections in an effort to prevent deaths.

About Sparta:
Sparta Capital Ltd. fosters and distributes a range of energy efficient solutions. Following the acquisition of Canadian based Newport Environmental Technologies Ltd. (“Newport”) Sparta continued the process of securing several other licenses for technologies developed to save fuel, while reducing carbon emissions in various markets. Since the acquisition of Newport, Sparta established three new divisions: Sparta Technologies 4 Mining Ltd; to cater to the special needs of the mining industry, Illumineris Inc., offering a comprehensive suite of smart-building, energy-optimization technologies; including a unique line of glow-in-the-dark safety products, and ReECO Conversion Technologies Ltd; a biomass conversion division. For a more detailed look at the company profile, please visit the Sparta website (www.spartacapital.com).

About Illumineris:
Illumineris Inc., offers a comprehensive suite of energy optimization technologies ranging from wireless smart metering to VPN-controlled LED’s, propelling the global movement towards “smart buildings” and thus a lower carbon footprint. An important facet of the Illumineris energy management profile is safety and to that end, the company has been distributing Jessup Manufacturing (McHenry, Illinois) Glo Brite® photoluminescent safety products, including exit signs and egress pathway marking systems. The Jessup PL products can be found across North America, including in Sobeys, the Bank of Canada Building in Ottawa, Brampton RBC, and Toronto Union Station to name just a few places. Advancements made in Canada and the United States by Jessup and Illumineris have resulted in the approval of the Glo Brite® “Pictogram”, “Exit” and “Sortie” signs in all North American Building and Fire Codes. As of 2010, the National Building and Fire Codes of Canada have made the ISO-Pictogram sign mandatory for all new buildings, as well as retrofits requiring building permits.

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