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## **Calypso Control Systems and NexLight Collaboration Simplifies Integration of Lighting and A/V Controls**

**WOODBURY, MINN.**, Dec.1, 2008 — A collaboration between A/V control leader [Calypso Control Systems](#) and lighting control leader [NexLight](#) is taking the guesswork out of the installation and operation of integrated room control. Working together, the companies are providing dealers and A/V integrators with centralized control of the various room technology elements including lighting and A/V devices.

A sophisticated yet easy-to-use solution for managing technology in boardrooms and meeting rooms, the collaboration addresses the requirements of state-of-the-art presentation tools. The first phase of the collaboration integrates traditional switching control used for lighting and extends to controlling various motor controllers used for operating screens and curtains and dimming capabilities.

“Calypso’s open architecture approach to device control is the key to total room control — from lighting, to projectors, screens and even curtains,” said David H. Parish, Ph.D., president of Calypso Control Systems. “On an open architecture platform, NexLight and Calypso technology come together to amplify the benefits of each solution and put streamlined room control at the touch of a button.”

Control of the room is centralized through Calypso’s [CB-5000](#) wall-mount touch controller to deliver high-end device management functionality. With little or no training needed, presenters can use the intuitive touch-screen controller to manage room lighting, incorporate information from multiple A/V tools into the discussion and toggle between media inputs.

The solution enables presenters or event managers to quickly adjust room lighting levels or configure pre-set conditions for specific or default room conditions. Ideally suited for rooms used for multi-media presentations, the pre-set feature allows IT directors or users to simultaneously engage multiple room devices and bring each to a predetermined state.

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“We continue to hear how it’s becoming increasingly important that all systems are integrated — from A/V to lighting and security,” said Loren Beilke, president, NexLight. “Our collaboration is a huge step forward in achieving a truly integrated building. We’ve taken great pains to ensure that our systems work together both from a physical interface level and sharing data.”

Pre-configured for seamless integration, the Calypso/NexLight solution has streamlined the installation process dramatically. Once the various A/V and control devices are installed, Calypso’s open-architecture controller is configured for a room’s specific needs using a Web-driven “event database” to design sequences of control “triggers” and “actions.”

Not just for new applications, rooms already equipped with either Calypso or NexLight products can be easily upgraded to achieve the benefits of an integrated solution without replacing existing equipment.

For more information please visit [www.calypsocontrol.com](http://www.calypsocontrol.com) or [www.nexlight.com](http://www.nexlight.com) or contact your Calypso or NexLight dealer/distributor.

### **About NexLight**

NexLight Lighting Controls is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the [Northport Engineering](#) group, a 54-year old manufacturers’ representative in the electronics marketplace based in St. Paul, Minn. Operating from its Baxter, Minn. headquarters, NexLight has evolved through the years from a small division spun off from Honeywell in 1989 into the industry leader in low-voltage light control systems for industrial and commercial applications. NexLight products are manufactured at an ISO 9001 certified, state-of-the-art engineering and product manufacturing facility in Tsu, Japan with global distribution centralized at its U.S. headquarters. For more information on NexLight, please visit [www.nexlight.com](http://www.nexlight.com) or call (218) 828-3700.

### **About Calypso Control Systems**

Calypso Control Systems, headquartered in Woodbury, MN, is a manufacturer of a full range of open architecture control, user interface, audio, microphone and connectivity products designed to make it easier to build, manage and use 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classrooms. Calypso products are sold exclusively through commercial audio-video electronics dealers throughout North America and around the world. For more information on Calypso Control Systems, please visit [www.calypsocontrol.com](http://www.calypsocontrol.com) or call (715) 381-9646.

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