

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **B-K Lighting Settles Acuity Brands Suit**

B-K Lighting, Inc. has favorably settled a patent litigation suit brought by Acuity Brands, Inc. The original claim was filed in July 2004.

In its action, Acuity Brands asserted that B-K Lighting's Tenaya® brand products violated patents developed by Hydrel, an Acuity Brands company. In its response, B-K Lighting denied the claim.

The action has been dismissed.

As part of the settlement agreement and without admitting liability, B-K Lighting has voluntarily initiated a product re-design that addressed Acuity's concerns.

Douglas W. Hagen, President and Chief Executive Officer of B-K Lighting said, "We were in the process of a product improvement program when Acuity Brands initiated its action. We do not believe that the current Tenaya® design violates any patents. Fortunately, our planned design changes satisfied Acuity's concerns and we were quickly able to resolve this issue. Hagen continued, "We respect Acuity's position regarding its intellectual property. From a practical sense, both Acuity Brands and B-K Lighting have an interest in promoting their respective products and not to enrich attorneys. We are pleased this quick resolution allows each of us get back to business."

B-K Lighting, Inc., headquartered in Madera, California, manufactures standard and custom fixtures for architectural and landscape lighting including path, sign, area, flood, recessed building mounted, and in-grade applications.

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B-K Lighting, Inc. manufactures standard and custom fixtures for architectural and landscape lighting including path, sign, area, flood, recessed building mounted, and in-grade applications. B-K Lighting products are installed in beautiful applications around the world.

QUALITY, SERVICE, INNOVATION, and VALUE all add up to make B-K Lighting the number one choice in outdoor lighting.

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