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### **Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway successfully tested ultra low emissions locomotive from National Railway Equipment Co.**

Chicago, IL, February 27, 2008 — National Railway Equipment Co. (NREC) today announced that the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway recently held a one-week operational test of a three-engine 2100 HP (3GS-21B) N-ViroMotive® GenSet locomotive at their Gary Indiana switch yard. The new unit is EPA certified and CARB recognized as an ultra-low emitting GenSet locomotive.

Gerry Carr, senior road foreman of engines in Gary, IN said, “We have the objectives of fuel conservation, protecting the environment and operational efficiency on our railroad. We performed an operational test of an NREC N-ViroMotive unit to see if it would meet our objectives. We were pleased with the result, as well as its significant power and outstanding tractive effort. Also during the test, we discovered that its operation is very user-friendly, and to our pleasant surprise, it is significantly quieter than any of our existing units.”

Jim Wurtz, NREC’s vice president marketing and sales, said, “These fuel-efficient road switcher locomotives have industrial engine NOx emission levels that are best in class worldwide. Already proven in service, N-ViroMotive locomotives are over five years ahead of anticipated EPA emissions regulations for new switching locomotives.”

The operational advantages of N-ViroMotive locomotives are dramatic:

- 80%+ reduction in nitrous oxide (NOx) and particulate matter (PM) emissions
- 50% to 65%+ improved tractive effort adhesion efficiency
- Over 50% fuel savings capability in switching and road switching service
- N-Force microprocessor-based electronic controls and modularized mechanical platforms which decrease maintenance requirements by 35% or more
- Achieves the most stringent noise level requirements for off-road capital equipment

Through Chicago's metropolitan area, from Waukegan, Illinois, to Gary, Indiana, the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway serves steel mills, oil refineries, earth-moving companies, other heavy industries and transportation centers.

The EJ&E is a unit of Pittsburgh-based Transtar® a nine-railroad transportation company providing rail transport services throughout the nation's industrial heartland. Transtar is a wholly owned subsidiary of U. S. Steel.

National Railway Equipment Co., headquartered in Mt. Vernon, IL, is the designer, developer and new manufacturer of the industry's first ultra low emitting GenSet locomotives. The world's largest independent locomotive rebuilder and remanufacturer, NREC is also a locomotive lessor. It has locomotive, diesel engine and parts facilities in fourteen locations throughout the United States and Canada.

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