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Electrolux Home Care Products Canada Inc. Recalls Cordless Stick Vacuums Due to Bursting Batteries

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Electrolux has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should unplug and stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Ergorapido, Pronto, Precision, and Sanitaire by Precision Vacuums.

Units: Approximately 53,000, of which approximately 44,750 have been sold or are in retailers’ inventory.

Manufacturer: Airtek Industry Corporation, China

Canadian Distributor: Electrolux Home Care Products Canada Inc. (“Electrolux”)

Hazard: The vacuum’s batteries can expand and burst, posing a risk of injury to the user and bystanders.

Incidents/Injuries: Electrolux has received five reports of incidents in Canada involving damage to the vacuum and surrounding property. Electrolux is aware of one Canadian incident that involved minor injuries including irritation to the eyes from contact with battery powder. In the United States there have been two reports of minor injuries, including swollen hands.

Description/Models: This recall involves 2-in-1 cordless stick vacuums with a detachable hand vacuum and free-standing charger. Units involved in the recall have 9.6-volts printed on a serial plate on the underside of the handheld unit, serial numbers: 074000001 through

085100001 and 74000001 through 85100001, and the model names and model numbers are listed below.

Sold by: Major retailers including Canadian Tire, Costco, Hudson’s Bay Company, Lowes, and Sears, and independent retailers.

Dates distributed: The affected models were sold in Canada from November 2007 to March 2009.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately unplug and stop using the recalled vacuums and contact Electrolux for a free replacement of the handheld portion which contains the batteries.

Consumers should confirm that they have one of the impacted units by checking the serial plate on the underside of the handheld unit and noting the voltage (which must be 9.6-volts), as well as matching both the serial and model numbers provided below.

Consumer Contact: Consumers should contact the company at 1-800-932-1778 between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. ET Monday-Friday to verify the product and arrange to receive a new handheld unit at no charge. Consumers can also visit the firm’s Web site at www.stickvacrecall.ca.

Remarks: The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by UL. For more information about the product certification process please visit: www.UL.com.

MODEL NUMBER	MODEL	COLOUR
EL 1000A	Pronto	Cayenne Silk
EL 1000AZ	Pronto	Cayenne Silk
EL 1001A	Pronto	Blue
EL 1002A	Ergorapido	White
EL 1005A	Ergorapido	Diamond Sand
EL 1007A	Ergorapido	Havana Brown
SP 1000A	Sanitaire by Precision	Blue
SP 1000AB	Sanitaire by Precision	Blue
EL 1000B	Pronto	Cayenne Silk
PE 1000B	Precision by Electrolux	Blue
PE 1000BB	Precision by Electrolux	Blue

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