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### Congressman Jason Altmire Visits Converteam

**PITTSBURGH, PA** - On Friday, March 30, 2007, U.S. Representative Jason Altmire (PA-4<sup>th</sup>) visited the Converteam unit in Pittsburgh, a firm specializing in electrical engineering, systems integration, and the design/manufacture of a wide range of high power motors, generators, drives/drive systems, and automation systems for use in various industrial and marine & offshore applications.

The main impetus of Congressman Altmire's visit to Converteam was to learn more about the company's past and current initiatives with the U.S. Navy, particularly the electrical power and propulsion systems for the T-AKE vessels, auxiliary propulsion for LHD-8, and the progress on the DDG 1000 program. The DDG 1000 is the U.S. Navy's new Zumwalt Class Destroyer. Among its many advanced systems, the DDG 1000 will feature an integrated power system, which will enable affordable integration of advanced weapons, propulsion and ship distribution systems. Converteam is one of many companies contributing to the development of this unique vessel, specifically responsible for the ship's electric propulsion and High Voltage Integrated Power System. Before touring the company's manufacturing facility, the Congressman briefly addressed all of Converteam's Pittsburgh office staff (170 employees) to update the employees on the current initiatives and priorities in Washington, DC and the key items on the Congressional agenda. Mr. Altmire discussed his support of Converteam's development efforts for the next generation IPS converter and encouraged the organization to continue its expansion of the engineering and manufacturing jobs in Western Pennsylvania.

Shoun T. Kerbaugh, President & CEO of Converteam Inc. stated, "We were very pleased the Congressman included us in his extremely busy schedule and provided our employees the opportunity to hear first hand what the current Congress is working on and what's in store for this year. We certainly appreciate his support for what we are doing in our U.S. Navy programs as we continue to provide key technology for our future Navy."

Converteam Inc. is in the 4<sup>th</sup> congressional District of Pennsylvania, located in the R.I.D.C. Business Park in O'Hara Township at 610 Epsilon Drive.

**About Converteam** - Converteam Group is a world leader in power-conversion engineering. Building on over a century of experience, the company is firmly placed at the leading edge of technology and innovation with a global reputation for excellence in the conversion of electrical energy into mechanical performance. Converteam develops and provides solutions built around three core components: rotating machines, drives, and process automation. Converteam provides power conversion solutions worldwide, serving its core markets in Marine & Offshore, Oil & Gas, Energy, and Industry, as well as various specialized sectors. Headquartered in Paris, France, the company employs over 3,800 people in various other locations around the world including the United States, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom, Brazil, China, and India. Converteam's North American operation is headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, employing 200 people, with offices in Miami, Houston, Houma (LA), Seattle, and Burlington & Vancouver, Canada. Converteam Group's 2006 sales total more than \$840,000,000 (€650,000,000).

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