BOSTON – Cole Hersee Company announced today that it has been acquired by Littelfuse, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois. The combined company will be well-positioned to better serve OEMs and Aftermarket customers in the Heavy Vehicle sector. Cole Hersee will continue to design and manufacture innovative and dependable products, while providing the excellent customer service customers have relied upon since 1924.

Donald Mayer, vice president of Cole Hersee, said, “This is a great fit. We think the combination with Littelfuse will enable us to bring new products and capabilities to our customers, and provide new opportunities to serve them.”

"The acquisition of Cole Hersee is a significant step in our strategy to expand our OTB (Off-Road, Truck & Bus) business,” said Dieter Röder, vice president and general manager, Littelfuse Automotive Business Unit. “We expect the Cole Hersee acquisition to strengthen key customer relationships, expand our distribution network in North America and extend our product offering to adjacent markets and technologies. Their focus on power management products and heavy duty electromechanical and solid-state switches for DC electrical systems expands our offering to this diverse OTB customer base.”

Cole Hersee is well-known for its broad range of reliable electromechanical switches and its increasing range of electronic switching modules. Cole Hersee is a specialist in the Heavy Vehicle industry, fulfilling diversified applications for trucks, off-road, utility, transit, emergency vehicles and boats.

About Littelfuse, Inc.

Littelfuse, Inc. (NASDAQ:LFUS) is the worldwide leader in circuit protection, offering the industry’s broadest and deepest portfolio of circuit protection products and solutions. Backed by industry-leading technical support, design and manufacturing expertise, Littelfuse products are vital components in virtually every product that uses electrical energy, including portable and consumer electronics, automobiles, industrial equipment and telecom/datacom circuits. In addition to its Chicago, Illinois, world headquarters, Littelfuse has over 20 sales, distribution, manufacturing and engineering facilities in the Americas, Europe and Asia. Technologies offered by Littelfuse include Fuses; Gas Discharge Tubes (GDTs); Positive Temperature Coefficient Devices (PTCs); Protection Relays; PulseGuard® ESD Suppressors; SIDACtor®

Devices; Silicon Protection Arrays(SPA™); Switching Thyristors; TVS Diodes and Varistors.

For more information, visit the Littelfuse website at www.littelfuse.com .

About Cole Hersee Company

Since its founding in 1924, Cole Hersee has been a pioneer and leader in the development of heavy-duty electrical products for the vehicle industry, and has earned a reputation for quality and value. Cole Hersee collaborated on many basic industry standards and today is a preferred supplier of over 2,000 dependable vehicle products and accessories. Cole Hersee products are available as standard or custom designed products to meet customer needs. Cole Hersee is ISO 9001:2000-certified.

For more information about Cole Hersee Company and its products, contact Cole Hersee Company, 20 Old Colony Avenue, Boston, MA, 02127-2467; 617-268-2100. Information and a full-line catalog are also available on the company's website at www.colehersee.com .