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**AUDIO INNOVATOR & CERWIN-VEGA FOUNDER
EUGENE "GENE" CZERWINSKI PASSES**

DEERFIELD BEACH, FL – August 17, 2010 – Cerwin-Vega is saddened to announce the passing of audio pioneer and C-V founder, Eugene "Gene" Czerwinski. He was 83.

Czerwinski, a former aerospace engineer with a degree from the University of Michigan, founded Cerwin-Vega in 1954 in Reseda, CA. The company originally built speakers for home use, but Czerwinski took it a giant step forward to develop audio products that could handle deep bass tones. As a result, in 1957 he built the world's first solid-state amplifier, and later in 1964, he developed an 18-inch speaker deemed the most powerful of its kind at the time.

Years later with the invasion of British rock groups led by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, the C-V speaker was literally at the core of a new, louder musical revolution.

In the 1970s, Czerwinski partnered with Universal Studios to develop Sensurround for the movie "Earthquake." That collaboration won him an Academy Award for Technical Achievement.

Czerwinski sold his company to the Stanton Group and the operations were moved to South Florida in 2002.

"On behalf of Cerwin-Vega and the Stanton Group, we would like to express our sadness on the passing of Gene Czerwinski," offered company CEO Timothy Dorwart. "Gene's original and inspired work in the development of audio technology has been responsible for some of the greatest achievements in the industry. These innovations continue to entertain and enthrall

people all over the world. His work inspired performers to be their best, and gave music fans the tools they needed to get the most out of recorded music. He leaves a lasting legacy for all of us at Cerwin-Vega to live up to. Gene Czerwinski's passing is a great loss and we wish to extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends. Our thoughts are with the Czerwinski family.”

About Cerwin Vega!

A member of the Stanton Group of companies, Cerwin-Vega!, Inc. is a leader in the design, manufacture, and distribution of loudspeakers for the home and professional audio markets. Designed in the pursuit of dynamic, accurate sound reproduction since 1954, Cerwin-Vega! products are distributed throughout the world via a network of distributors and dealers in more than 75 countries. For additional information on all Cerwin-Vega products, please visit us online at www.cerwin-vega.com.