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Sears Canada Advises Customers of a Voluntary Recall Issued by Electrolux on ErgoRapido 2 in 1 Cordless Stick Vacuum

Toronto, ON – March 26, 2009 – Sears Canada Inc. has been advised by Electrolux Home Care Products Canada Inc. of a voluntary recall involving the ErgoRapido 2-in-1 Cordless Stick Vacuum. The vacuum's batteries can expand and burst, posing a risk of injury to the user and bystanders. Consumers should unplug and stop using the recalled vacuum immediately.

The ErgoRapido 2-in-1 cordless stick vacuum with a detachable hand vacuum and free-standing charger was sold at Sears Canada retail stores, online at www.sears.ca, and through the Sears Canada catalogue between November 2007 and March 2009, with a regular selling price of \$129.99. The Sears model number of the vacuum is 36080 and the manufacturer item number is EL1005A. The serial numbers affected are 074000001 through 085100001 and 74000001 through 85100001. Consumers should confirm 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 above the voltage.

Electrolux has received five reports of incidents in Canada involving damage to the vacuum and surrounding property. Electrolux is aware of one incident in Canada that involved minor injuries, including irritation to the eyes from contact with battery powder.

In the interest of consumer safety, Sears Canada urges customers who own an affected ErgoRapido 2-in-1 cordless stick vacuum by Electrolux to cease use immediately and contact Electrolux at 1-800-932-1778 between 8:00 am and 7:00 pm ET, Monday-Friday to verify the product and arrange for a free replacement of the handheld portion which contains the batteries.

Alternatively, Sears customers can return the ErgoRapido 2-in-1 cordless stick vacuum to their nearest Sears location for a full refund if accompanied by a receipt of sale, or for the lowest selling price without a receipt.

Sears Canada will be posting signs in all of its retail stores to advise customers of this safety recall. Sears Canada is bringing this matter to the public's attention in the interest of consumer safety and apologizes for any inconvenience.

Sears Canada is a multi-channel retailer with a network of 198 corporate stores, 190 dealer stores, 43 home improvement showrooms, over 1,850 catalogue merchandise pick-up locations, 106 Sears Travel offices and a nationwide home maintenance, repair, and installation network. The Company also publishes Canada's most extensive general merchandise catalogue and offers shopping online at www.sears.ca.