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ENCORE WIRE CHAIRMAN EMERITUS VINCENT REGO PASSES AWAY

MCKINNEY, TX - Encore Wire Corporation (NASDAQ Global Select: WIRE) announced that the Company's Chairman Emeritus, Vincent A. Rego, passed away earlier today.

Daniel L. Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer of Encore Wire Corporation, said, "I am extremely sad to report that Mr. Rego passed away this morning. He was a giant in this industry and touched the lives of countless people over the years. To those of us at Encore Wire, he was also a dear friend and mentor.

Mr. Rego's extraordinary contributions to our Company which he co-founded in 1989 and to the predecessor wire and cable companies he founded and managed since the 1960s are also too numerous to recount. His contributions to our company over the years and his strategic vision and innovation have been invaluable in building Encore Wire into one of the nation's premier manufacturers of electrical wire and cable products.

Born and raised in Rhode Island, he served in the 101st Airborne Division in World War II, including the great battles at Normandy and Bastogne. He started in the wire business in 1951 in Rhode Island and came to Texas in 1953 where he worked until his stroke in May of 2005. We will always remember his broad smile and generous nature. Funeral arrangements are pending."