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Atrium Companies, Inc. Acquires Leading Canadian Window Company

North Star Vinyl Windows and Doors provides Atrium North American market expansion

DALLAS – Atrium Companies, Inc., today announced the acquisition of Canadian window company North Star Vinyl Windows and Doors. The addition of the Ontario-based company gives Atrium and its family of brands a significant presence in the Canadian window and door market.

Headquartered in St. Thomas, Ontario, North Star Vinyl Windows and Doors operates a 223,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility producing a complete line of energy-efficient vinyl windows and patio doors. Seventy percent of the company's product goes to the replacement/remodeling market, with 30 percent going to new construction projects. North Star sells 90 percent of its volume to dealers in Canada, with 10 percent of its product going to dealers in the United States.

"We started building this company in 1985, and it has grown remarkably in that time," explains North Star President Jim Banman. "Joining forces with Atrium allows us the opportunity to take North Star to the next level. It's the right move at the right time for both sides."

Echoing Banman's enthusiasm, Atrium President and CEO Greg Faherty adds, "This is a significantly important deal for both companies. North Star makes high quality products that are a perfect fit within the Atrium family of brands, and Atrium will benefit from North Star's highly refined production system for producing replacement and new construction windows. These are products that offer many of the upscale product features that our customers love, and we're proud that they'll now be more widely available. North Star will benefit from Atrium's size, which will provide purchasing synergies, as well as to our broad product lines."

In addition to manufacturing windows and doors, North Star's business is vertically integrated and it owns and operates its own vinyl extrusion lines, known as North Star Profile Extrusions. Adding to the bottom line, North Star's extrusion capability also enables the company to produce window systems for outside manufacturing customers.

About Atrium Companies, Inc. – For more than 50 years, Atrium Companies, Inc. (atrium.com) has offered the highest quality window and door products to meet the demands of builders, contractors and distributors in the residential construction industry. Dedicated to meeting the needs of its customers, the Atrium family of brands provides a versatile range of window and patio door products, including vinyl and aluminum models, as well as replacement and new construction product lines. A variety of window styles is also available through the Atrium family including single- and double-hung, horizontal slider, casement, tilt-and-turn and architectural shapes. Specialty products range from hurricane impact solutions with Atrium's Safe Harbor[®] impact-resistant windows, patio doors and hurricane window shutters, to innovative soundproofing Silent Guard[™] Sound Suppression Windows. The company's portfolio of brands includes its flagship Atrium Windows and Doors brand, Superior Windows, Thermal Industries, Danvid Door and Window, HR Windows, Champion Window, Darby Door and North Star Vinyl Windows and Doors.

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