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## **Guardian Industries Looks to the Future with Super Spacer®**

*Leading IG manufacturer makes switch from box spacer to all-foam, no metal Super Spacer®*

**Cambridge, Ohio – January 20, 2009** – Edgetech I.G. announced that Guardian Industries has recently transitioned from aluminum box spacers to Super Spacer® to improve the thermal performance and long-term durability of its residential IG units.

“The NFRC and government regulators have raised the bar, and we are answering the call,” said Shane Sieracki, general manager for Guardian’s Webster, Mass. manufacturing plant. “Aluminum spacer for residential markets could no longer meet energy efficiency requirements, and it was time for a change.”

Guardian Industries, a leading manufacturer of IG units for the residential market, examined a number of spacer systems before making the switch to Super Spacer.

“We looked at all of the available options, and Super Spacer was the definite choice for us,” Sieracki said. “Super Spacer provided us with the thermal performance and durability we required. We also couldn’t ignore that fact that our customers were asking for it by name. Super Spacer has a reputation for being the best, and that is what we deliver to our customers.”

Guardian is taking advantage of Edgetech’s experienced and knowledgeable Technical Service team. The team visited the plant, listened to Guardian’s specific needs, and then put together a custom line layout design. Edgetech also assisted with equipment installation and provided comprehensive training to ensure a seamless transition to Super Spacer. The changeover was officially completed in September 2008, and since then it has been going well, according to Sieracki.

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“The switch went smoothly, and the training that we did with Edgetech helped us feel even more confident about the new service we were providing for our customers,” Sieracki said. “Our customers are pleased with the quality they are receiving with Super Spacer – and that is what really matters.”

Guardian’s investment in Super Spacer and equipment is just one part of its efforts to be a stand-out supplier to the IG industry.

“We believe in reinvesting in our products to stay ahead of the competition in terms of quality, performance and product efficiency,” Sieracki said. “Viewing the most recent industry trends as opportunities to improve our offerings and differentiate in this industry helps us move forward and prepare to meet increased demand with superior products.”

With quality products and 72-hour lead-times on most orders, Guardian provides top value to its customers.

“We custom fabricate IG units to specification, including complex shapes and arches,” Sieracki said. “Using Super Spacer makes even the most demanding jobs more simple, enabling us to service many markets.”

### **About Guardian Industries**

Guardian is a diversified global manufacturing company with leading positions in float glass, fabricated glass products, fiberglass insulation and other building materials for commercial, residential and automotive markets. Through its Science & Technology Venter, Guardian is at the forefront of innovation including development of high performance glass coatings and other advanced products. Guardian, its subsidiaries and affiliates operate facilities throughout North America, Europe, South America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

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**About Edgetech I.G. Inc.**

*Celebrating more than 20 years of success!*

Edgetech I.G. Inc., a Lauren International Company, is a global leader in the fenestration industry producing Super Spacer® – the world's only TrueWARM®, all-foam edge seal product line that provides maximum condensation resistance, durability and energy performance. Through Edgetech's value promise – *We're there for you at every turn! 360®* – the company goes beyond the manufacture of Super Spacer to offer a comprehensive portfolio of value-added products and services for the window, door and glass industries. With manufacturing facilities in the United States and the United Kingdom plus a distribution division in Germany, Edgetech's proven technology is improving the performance and energy efficiency of insulating glass systems worldwide. In business since 1989, Edgetech is a fully-owned subsidiary of Lauren International, Inc., a global multi-divisional company serving a variety of industries. Visit [www.superspacer.com](http://www.superspacer.com) or [www.laureninternational.com](http://www.laureninternational.com) to learn more about the company's products, services and global initiatives.

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