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YKK AP Opens Houston Branch

Manufacturer to supply Texas and Gulf Coast building industry

AUSTELL, Ga. (May 19, 2008) – Today YKK AP opened a new branch in Houston to serve its commercial building industry customers in South Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The new branch, the company's ninth, opened with plans for 15 to 20 employees involved in sales, customer service, estimating, assembly and warehousing. The branch will be located at 3550 Brittmoore Road, Suite 200 in Houston, off the Sam Houston Tollway at Clay Road.

YKK AP's commercial products group sells aluminum glazing systems for the exteriors of office buildings, schools, apartments and condominiums, stores and other buildings. YKK AP products are made at the company's Dublin, Ga., manufacturing plant, which is being doubled in size and capacity.

Ed McMahan has been hired as Houston branch manager. McMahan has more than 25 years of experience in glazing and the architectural aluminum products industry. He has held roles of increasing responsibility, including branch management for a glass and metal manufacturer and distributor.

"The Houston branch will provide local access and service to Texas and Gulf Coast architects, developers and glazers," said Oliver Stepe, YKK AP senior vice president. "We look forward to introducing this region to YKK AP ProTek™, our highly successful line of hurricane impact-resistant products."

About YKK AP America

YKK AP America Inc. manufactures architectural aluminum entrances, storefronts, curtain walls, and windows for office buildings, universities, schools, condominiums and institutional structures. YKK AP America is based in Austell, Ga., and is a subsidiary of YKK Corporation of America. Its parent company, YKK Corporation in Japan, is a global manufacturer with annual sales of about \$6 billion. To learn more about YKK AP and its products, please visit www.ykkap.com.

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