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NALFA TO RECOGNIZE INDUSTRY STANDOUTS AT SURFACES 2008

WASHINGTON- Voting is underway to name the recipients of the second annual *LAMMY* Awards, which will be presented on Jan. 30th at Surfaces 2008 in Las Vegas. Entering its 11th year as a solid presence in the laminate flooring segment, the North American Laminate Flooring Association (NALFA) presented the first *LAMMY* Awards in 2007 to recognize individuals and companies that have made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring industry during the preceding year.

“We created the *LAMMY* Awards to recognize excellence in continuously changing and ever-growing segment,” said Bill Dearing, president of NALFA. “For over 10 years, NALFA members and associate members have made substantial contributions to the industry and we want to continue to acknowledge their efforts. Through the *LAMMY* Awards, NALFA can formally recognize these companies and individuals for their contributions, encourage them to continue their efforts and encourage others to follow in their footsteps.”

The NALFA board of directors anonymously nominates individuals and organizations for each category. The nominees are compiled, listed on ballots and sent for voting to NALFA members as well as the editors of *Floor Covering Weekly*, *Floor Covering News*, *Floor Focus* and *National Floor Trends*.

LAMMY Awards will be presented for:

Regular Member Company of the Year, which will be given to the NALFA member company that has made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring category during the last year.

The 2008 Nominees in alphabetical order are:

- Fausfloor
- Mannington Mills
- TORLYS Inc.

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Associate Member Company of the Year, which will be given to the NALFA associate member company that has made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring category during the last year.

The 2008 Nominees in alphabetical order are:

- MP Global Products, LLC
- Pak-Lite (PLI)
- Sealed Air Corporation
- Sekisui Voltek, LLC

Member of the Year, which will be given to the individual representative of a NALFA member company who has made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring category during the last year.

The 2008 Nominees in alphabetical order are:

- Barretto, Peter – TORLYS Inc.
- Bradway, Dennis – Mannington Mills
- Briere, Jean – Shaw Industries, Inc.

Associate Member of the Year, which will be given to the individual representative of a NALFA associate member company who has made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring category during the last year.

The 2008 Nominees in alphabetical order are:

- Cole, Gary – Pak-Lite (PLI)
- Cummings, Bob – Pak-Lite (PLI)
- Pawlisheck, Mike – Sekisui Voltek, LLC

Distributor/Retailer of the Year, which will be given to the individual representative of a laminate flooring distributor or retailer who has made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring category during the last year.

The 2008 Nominees in alphabetical order are:

- Herregan Distributing
- Nebraska Furniture Mart
- SPI Distributors
- The Wood Floor Shop
- TORLYS Inc.

NALFA encourages regular members to display the NALFA Certification Seal on their product packaging to promote quality control in the industry and encourages associate members to promote NALFA-certified products.

A solid presence in the laminate flooring segment for 11 years, the North American Laminate Flooring Association is an organization of U.S. and Canadian manufacturers and importers of laminate flooring products. NALFA's mission is to encourage the establishment and maintenance of high standards in laminate flooring in North America, to recognize those that meet these standards and to recognize associate members who provide products and services to the laminate flooring industry. For more information, including how to become a member or associate member, visit www.nalfa.com.

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