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**Emery-Waterhouse Launches Operations in Mid-Atlantic Region
with Emery Building Materials Division**

*New Distribution Center Expands Product Line Selection and Geographic Service Area,
Improves Customer Service*

PORTLAND, Maine — June 23, 2008 — Emery-Waterhouse, a leading distributor of hardware and building materials, today announced its Emery Building Materials division began operations at its new distribution center in Northeast Pennsylvania. Last year the company expanded its building materials product line and established its presence in the Mid-Atlantic region with the acquisition of The Morgan Distribution Co., a specialty distributor in the building supply business. Emery's newly leased distribution center is located within the CenterPoint Commerce & Trade Park at 285 CenterPoint Blvd. in Pittston, Pa.

The new facility will enable Emery to deliver product faster to its Mid-Atlantic customers and beyond through greater access to five major interstates within a two-hour drive of New York City and Philadelphia. Additionally, with the acquisition, Emery expanded its building materials product offering to include the Stallion Fastener line, and additional exterior and bulk home building products.

“Our customer base of independent, professionally focused dealers depends on reliable, on-time service to compete in the marketplace,” said Steve Frawley, president of Emery-Waterhouse. “Our new, strategically located distribution center improves our service quality and presents new market opportunities for Emery outside of New England with an experienced and

knowledgeable local team. Also, as our business grows in the region, we have the option to expand our presence within the existing facility.”

At the distribution center, Emery is employing a total distribution technology solution with unique systems for inventory and warehouse management. Overall, the new location and implementation of state-of-the-art technology will create a more efficient, accurate shipping operation for Emery’s customers.

In September 2008, Emery Building Materials is planning an open house and promotional event at the new facility in Pennsylvania with its customers and key suppliers.

About Emery-Waterhouse

Founded in 1842, Portland, Maine-based Emery-Waterhouse is a full-service independent hardlines distributor serving hardware dealers, lumberyards and home centers throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. In 2008, the company launched its Emery Building Materials division with operations in Pennsylvania.

Emery-Waterhouse offers product assortments across all major categories ranging from hardware, tools, paint and sundries to lawn and garden supplies. Its leading brand partners include 3M, Bosch, DP, DeWalt, GE Lighting, Minwax, Irwin, Lenox, Makita, USG, OMG Fastenmaster, Stanley Bostich, RotoZip and York Manufacturing.

In addition Emery-Waterhouse offers value-added services such as innovative merchandising and sales solutions. For more information, visit www.emeryonline.com or call 800-283-0236.

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