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NALFA ANNOUNCES LAMMY WINNERS AT SURFACES 2007

WASHINGTON- The recipients of the first annual *LAMMY* Awards were recognized at an awards ceremony on February 7th at Surfaces 2007 in Las Vegas. The *LAMMY* Awards were developed by the North American Laminate Flooring Association (NALFA) to recognize individuals and companies that have made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring segment during the past year.

“We are honored to recognize the first ever recipients of the *LAMMY* Awards” said Peter Barretto, chair of NALFA’s Marketing Committee and member of the NALFA board of directors. “The recipients have made substantial contributions to the industry, are serving as role models to many others within the industry and truly deserve to be recognized for their efforts.”

The *LAMMY* winners are as follows:

Regular Member Company of the Year: Fausfloor

This award is 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.

Associate Member Company of the Year: M.P. Global Products, LLC

This award is 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.

Person of the Year: **Juan Flores, Fausfloor**

This award is given to the individual who has made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring category during the last year.

Member of the Year: **Bill Dearing, Pergo Inc.**

This award is 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.

Associate Member of the Year: **Jack Boesch, M.P. Global Products, LLC**

This award is 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.

Distributor/Retailer of the Year: **Herregan Distributing**

This award is 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.

Special Recognition Award Winner: **Matthew Spieler, Floor Covering News**

This award is given on a “warranted” basis to those whose may not necessarily fall into any of the above categories but deserve recognition for their contributions.

The NALFA board of directors anonymously nominated individuals and organizations for each category. The nominees were compiled, listed on ballots and were voted on by NALFA members as well as the editors of *Floor Covering Weekly*, *Floor Covering News*, *Floor Focus* and *National Floor Trends*.

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 10 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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