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## **MASONITE COMPLETES FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING AND EMERGES FROM CHAPTER 11 AND CCAA PROTECTION**

### ***--Outstanding Capital Structure Will Support Long-Term Business Objectives--***

MISSISSAUGA, ON, June 9, 2009 – Masonite International Corporation (the "Company") today announced that it has successfully completed its financial restructuring and emerged from protection under both Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) in Canada, only 85 days following its initial filings on March 16, 2009.

By working constructively with its lenders, who voted overwhelmingly in support of its restructuring plan, Masonite reduced its debt from \$2.2 billion in March to \$11.3 million of Term Debt and less than \$2 million of other debt at foreign subsidiaries at emergence. Immediately upon emergence, Masonite will pay off the \$11.3 million of Term Debt, leaving less than \$2 million of debt on the balance sheet with cash-on-hand of over \$140 million. In addition, the Company expects to close shortly on an asset-backed, revolving line of credit facility ("ABL facility") of up to \$150 million.

"This restructuring process has made Masonite a financially healthier and stronger company better positioned for the future," said Fred Lynch, President and Chief Executive Officer of Masonite. "We achieved our goal to successfully complete our debt restructuring plan and emerge from Chapter 11 and CCAA within 120 days of filing in no small part because of the extraordinarily constructive work we undertook with our lenders to develop an outstanding capital structure to support our long-term business objectives."

At respective court hearings regarding confirmation of the Plan of Reorganization Plan in the U.S. and the CBCA Plan in Canada, Judge Peter J. Walsh of the United States Bankruptcy Court and Justice Colin L. Campbell of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice each praised Masonite and its lenders for working cooperatively during the restructuring.

Judge Walsh said of Masonite's restructuring: "In terms of deleveraging the balance sheet and in terms of the absence of any serious disputes and in terms of the vote, I haven't seen one like this in ten years."

Justice Campbell commented: "This case should be a model for cooperative cross-border restructurings."

Tony DiLucente, Chief Financial Officer of Masonite, said: "The successful financial restructuring, together with the closure of the ABL facility in the near future, provides Masonite with significant financial flexibility to meet our liquidity needs while simultaneously funding future growth opportunities. It is also important to note that Masonite will emerge from the financial restructuring process with significant cash reserves on hand."

Lynch added: "At Masonite, we have many parties to thank for this successful outcome, including our employees, our advisors, our Board, our lenders, and everyone else who have remained steadfast in their support for the company. With the financial restructuring now behind us, we look forward to continuing to provide outstanding products and service to our loyal customers around the world."

Masonite emerged from Chapter 11 and CCAA protection after meeting all closing conditions to the Company's Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") in the U.S. and the Canadian corporate plan of arrangement (the "CBCA Plan"). The Plan of Reorganization was confirmed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Delaware on May 29. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice approved the CBCA Plan on June 1.

As previously announced, both Masonite's term lenders and bond holders voted overwhelmingly in support of the Plans. Of the term lenders and bond holders who voted, 100% of the senior secured debt (US\$1.4 billion, 161 term lenders) and 99.99% of the bondholders (US\$665 million, 101 bondholders) voted to accept. The term lenders have converted 99% of their \$2.2 billion in debt holdings into equity.

Masonite's financial adviser was Perella Weinberg Partners. Its legal advisers were Kirkland & Ellis in the U.S. and Goodmans LLP in Canada. Its restructuring adviser was Alvarez & Marsal.

This press release is available on the Company's website at [www.masonite.com](http://www.masonite.com), along with additional information.

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Masonite International Corporation is a leading global manufacturer of residential and commercial doors, committed to providing the highest value door products to our customers in more than 70 countries around the world.

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