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**MASONITE RECEIVES FINAL COURT AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE TO MEET  
OBLIGATIONS TO SUPPLIERS, CUSTOMERS AND EMPLOYEES**

***—Company Remains On Track To Complete Financial Restructuring  
Within A Few Months—***

MISSISSAUGA, ON, April 16, 2009 – Masonite International Inc. (the "Company") today reported that it continues to make good progress in implementing its "pre-negotiated" debt restructuring plan and is on track to complete its financial reorganization within the next few months. On April 14, the Company received final court authorization to continue to meet its obligations to trade suppliers on normal terms in the ordinary course of business. The Company also received final court authorization to continue to utilize its cash collateral to help meet its obligations to suppliers, employees and customers. This authorization was initially granted on an interim basis on March 17.

"We are pleased that the U.S. court has granted these final orders, which allow us to continue to meet our obligations to our suppliers, customers and employees as we move forward with the restructuring process," said Fred Lynch, President and Chief Executive Officer of Masonite. "We are making good progress in executing our plan and remain on track to meet our goal of completing this process within the next few months. We appreciate the support we have seen from our suppliers and customers as we take steps to put Masonite in a financially stronger position for the future."

Masonite also noted that the Court has approved the continuation of customer programs, including its warranty programs, rebates, and incentives, during the legal proceedings. Under final orders entered by the Court, the Company has the right to pay in full any such valid claims that are due.

As previously announced, Masonite is implementing a debt restructuring plan that has already received strong support from the Company's secured lenders and bondholders. If implemented as proposed, this plan will enable Masonite to reduce its outstanding debt by nearly \$2 billion, from \$2.2 billion today to up to \$300 million upon consummation of the plan, and reduce its annual cash interest costs by approximately \$145 million. Under the restructuring plan, Masonite's trade creditors will be "unimpaired" and paid in full.

In order to implement this restructuring plan, on March 16, 2009, the Company and several affiliated companies, including Masonite International Corporation, voluntarily filed to reorganize under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (CCAA) in Canada in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. In addition, Masonite International Corporation, Masonite Corporation and all of its U.S. subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for

reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Delaware. Masonite's subsidiaries and affiliates outside of North America have not initiated reorganization cases and are not expected to be adversely impacted by the legal proceedings. Earlier today the Canadian court granted an order extending the CCAA stay of proceedings to June 12, 2009.

A hearing at which Masonite will seek approval from the U.S. court for its Disclosure Statement has been scheduled for Friday, April 17. A hearing before the Canadian court for companion relief has been scheduled for Monday, April 20. If it receives such court approval, Masonite will then begin the process of formally soliciting acceptances for its plan of reorganization from the requisite creditor groups. As previously announced, the Company has already entered into lock-up agreements supporting the restructuring plan with holders of more than 75 percent in principal amount of its senior secured obligations and more than 80 percent in principal amount of its senior subordinated notes due 2015. The minimum threshold required for acceptance by a class of creditors of the proposed plan of reorganization is 66 2/3 percent in value of claims of creditors who vote and more than 50 percent in number of creditors who vote.

This press release is available on the Company's website at [www.masonite.com](http://www.masonite.com), along with additional information on the restructuring. Suppliers and vendors may also call (888) 830-4646 or send an email to [MasoniteInfo@kccllc.com](mailto:MasoniteInfo@kccllc.com).

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No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual future results may vary materially. Therefore, we caution you not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. The Company disclaims any responsibility to update these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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