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MASONITE PARTICIPATES IN ZEBRALLIANCE ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESEARCH PROJECT

OAK RIDGE, TN, October 5, 2009 - Masonite®, the world leader in manufacturing of interior and exterior doors, has provided their high-performance Barrington® and Belleville® fiberglass doors to the Zero Energy Building Research Alliance (ZEBRAlliance), a project evaluating the market viability of low-energy homes.

A partnership between Schaad Companies, Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Oak Ridge National Laboratories (ORNL), BarberMcMurray Architects and the Department of Energy (DOE), ZEBRAlliance is building four homes expected to be 60 percent more efficient than homes of similar size and style by using the most advanced building technology, products and techniques available.

"We are excited to be invited to participate in a project of this importance," said Keith Kometer, Masonite Vice President of Product Management & Marketing Services. "As consumers continue to focus on maximizing the performance of their building envelope components, Masonite products will help them reduce their energy consumption without sacrificing beauty or design."

The four ZEBRAlliance project homes being built in the Crossroads at Wolf Creek subdivision will be outfitted with approximately 400 sensors so ORNL and TVA can collect data to analyze energy efficiency under standard living conditions. In early 2011, the ZEBRAlliance homes will be sold on the open market and future homes will be built in test markets with the most energy-efficient components of the project to determine affordability. The Barrington and Belleville fiberglass doors are joined on the ZEBRAlliance by leading energy-efficient products from a variety of categories including HVAC, siding, insulation and roofing.

About Masonite

Masonite is one of the world's leading manufacturers of interior doors and entry door systems. Throughout the company's 80 year history, Masonite has maintained its focus on leading-edge innovation, manufacturing excellence and superior customer service. Masonite has committed to delivering product and service innovations that will enhance beauty, functionality and architectural design to its customers around the world. Builders, remodelers, architects and homeowners rely on Masonite products to create homes of distinction while at the same time remaining environmentally responsible.

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