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***Masonite's Safe 'N Sound Emerald Door is Selected as Top-10 Green Product for 2008***

**BOSTON, MA, November 20, 2008** – Safe 'N Sound® Emerald™ Door from Masonite® has been selected as one of **BuildingGreen's 2008 Top-10 Green Building Products** by the editors of *Environmental Building News* and *GreenSpec®* announced at the U.S. Green Building Council's Greenbuild Conference in Boston last month. This seventh annual award recognizes the most innovative and exciting green building products added to the *GreenSpec®* Directory during the past year or covered in *Environmental Building News*.

*GreenSpec* is the leading national directory of green building products that are selected based on environmental criteria developed over the past 15 years. Manufacturers do not pay to be listed in *GreenSpec*, and neither *GreenSpec* nor *Environmental Building News* utilizes corporate funding for advertising; which gives them credibility in being objective while reviewing products. For information on BuildingGreen resources, visit [www.BuildingGreen.com](http://www.BuildingGreen.com).



Masonite, the world leader in manufacturing of Interior and Exterior doors, launched the Safe 'N Sound Emerald at the International Builders Show in Orlando, FL earlier this year, expanding on its founder's 84 year old vision of environmental stewardship.

The unique construction of the Safe 'N Sound Emerald door, with wheat-straw based DorCor™, features valuable "Green" attributes such as Pre-Consumer Recycled Content, Rapidly Renewable Content, No Added Urea-Formaldehyde, Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certification, Low VOC Emissions and Environmentally Preferred Products. This potent combination provides architects and other green specifiers a much needed contribution towards the Green Association Certification points required to achieve the certification they are seeking.

"We are delighted to be selected for this prestigious honor; this award validates the 'green' attributes of the Safe 'N Sound Emerald door," says Keith Kometer, Vice President of Product Management. "The announcement of this award is perfect timing as we are preparing to expand our Emerald Series door offering with three exciting new 'green' products."

As part of the Company's growing portfolio of "green" products, the new 1-3/8" Hollow Core Emerald, 1-3/4" Safe 'N Sound Emerald, and 1-3/4" Safe 'N Sound Emerald 20-minute Fire Rated interior doors offer more options to meet the growing demand for environmentally responsible building products.

"By offering the 1-3/8" Hollow Core Emerald, we are giving our customers the opportunity to be 'green' at every price point," Mr. Kometer adds.

The "green" attributes of every Emerald series door will help directly contribute to industry certifications such as USGBC Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the NAHB National Green Building Program as well as many individual local and regional environmental building programs.

"The best part is that you never have to sacrifice superior quality or aesthetics for environmental stewardship," continues Kometer. "All of the Emerald Products will maintain Masonite's same high quality that our customers are accustomed to while being environmentally responsible at the same time."

These new Emerald products will be launched at the 2009 International Builders Show in Las Vegas, NV. Masonite will be displaying the full Emerald Series, please visit us at Booth C6011. For Design, Sizing or other information on the Masonite Emerald Series or other Masonite doors, visit [www.masonite.com](http://www.masonite.com) or call toll-free at 1-800-663-DOOR.

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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. For more information on the Masonite Safe 'N Sound Emerald or other Masonite doors, individuals may visit <http://www.masonite.com> or call toll-free at 1-800-663-DOOR.