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Simonton Windows® Receives Highest Ranking in J.D. Power and Associates/McGraw-Hill Construction 2008 Builder and Remodeler Residential Window and Patio Door Satisfaction StudySM

PARKERSBURG, W. VA. – For the second time in three years, Simonton Windows® has ranked highest in satisfying builders and remodelers with residential windows and patio doors. The J.D. Power and Associates/McGraw-Hill Construction 2008 Builder and Remodeler Residential Window and Patio Door Satisfaction Study,SM has ranked Simonton as the leader in the study results. Simonton also ranked highest in a similar study conducted in 2006 by J.D. Power and Associates.

Simonton received the highest overall rating in the study compared with all other window and patio door manufacturers surveyed in evaluations of seven factors. Simonton rated among the best in five of the seven Power Circle Ratings factors, including price, product, warranty repair and service, delivery and ordering process. The study is based on responses from 2,837 new-home builders and remodelers. Each respondent evaluated up to two manufacturers of residential windows and patio doors.

“Receiving this recognition twice in three years is a truly remarkable honor,” says Mark Savan, president of Simonton Windows. “We place high value on the results of this study because of the credibility J.D. Power and Associates has in the marketplace. Our factor ratings are a strong indicator that our ongoing efforts to exceed customer expectations are having strong, positive results in the marketplace.

“Our associates at Simonton focus every day on creating custom-made windows and patio doors that are shipped in seven days or less. This study shows that builders and remodelers appreciate our dedicated efforts to provide them with top-quality products and attentive service.”

In the study, Simonton achieved an index score of 829 on a 1,000-point scale. The study also found that energy efficiency of windows and patio doors emerged as a particularly important product feature in 2008. Simonton, an ENERGY STAR[®] partner since 1999, offers a wide selection of energy efficiency options and features for their new construction and replacement product lines.

Simonton Windows produces ENERGY STAR qualified replacement and new construction windows and doors, including a line of impact-resistant products. The company was ranked #1 in quality in the 2007 Brand Use Study sponsored by *Builder* magazine and has won two consecutive Best In Class Awards for being ranked “Overall Top Rated Vinyl Window Brand” in unaided industry studies.

Founded in 1946, Simonton’s hallmark has been to deliver its made-to-order products in seven days or less. Part of consumer products company Fortune Brands, Inc. (NYSE: FO), Simonton has manufacturing facilities in Pennsboro, Harrisville and Ellenboro, W.Va.; Paris, Ill.; McAlester, Okla.; and Vacaville, Calif. Simonton is a founding sponsor of The Weather Museum and a corporate partner of Homes for Our Troops. For information, call (800) SIMONTON or visit www.simonton.com.

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