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NALFA RELEASES LAMMY AWARD NOMINEES

Winners to be Announced at 3rd Annual LAMMY Awards at Surfaces 2009

WASHINGTON- The North American Laminate Flooring Association (NALFA), the only trade association dedicated solely to the laminate flooring industry, has released the nominees for the coveted 2009 *LAMMY* Awards. Nominees are chosen based on their positive accomplishments within the laminate industry in the previous year.

“We created the *LAMMY* Awards to recognize excellence within this continuously changing and growing segment,” said E.C. “Bill” Dearing, president of NALFA. “For 12 years NALFA members have made substantial contributions to the industry, and through distribution of the *LAMMY* Awards NALFA can formally recognize these companies and individuals for their contributions, encourage them to continue their efforts and encourage others to follow in their footsteps.”

Join NALFA and the who’s who in the laminate flooring industry to find out the winners of the *LAMMY* Awards for excellence in the laminate industry in 2008. The winners will be announced at a press conference held on the first day of Surfaces, Tuesday, Feb. 3rd at 4:30 p.m. in the Surfaces Press Room.

LAMMY Awards will be presented for:

Member of the Year

- Barretto, Peter - TORLYS Inc.
- Bradway, Dennis - Mannington Mills
- Briere, Jean - Shaw Industries, Inc.

Associate Member of the Year

- Pratt, Bob - MP Global Products, LLC
- Sholl, Brent - Sealed Air Corporation
- Swanson, Mike - Toray Plastics (America)

Distributor/Retailer of the Year

- Avalon Flooring

- Bayard Sales Corporation
- CCA Global
- Diamond W Flooring
- Home Depot
- JJ Haines
- Lowes
- Roberts Carpet & Fine Floors

Regular Member Company of the Year

- Mannington Mills
- TORLYS Inc.
- Unilin/Mohawk

Associate Member Company of the Year

- Pregis
- Sealed Air Corporation
- Toray Plastics (America)

Entering its 12th year as a solid presence in the laminate flooring segment, NALFA presented the first LAMMY Awards in 2007 to recognize individuals and companies that have made the greatest contribution to the responsible growth of the laminate flooring industry during the preceding year.

The NALFA Board of Directors anonymously nominates individuals and organizations for each category. The nominees are compiled, listed on ballots and sent for voting to NALFA members as well as the editors of *Floor Covering Weekly*, *Floor Covering News*, *Floor Focus* and *National Floor Trends*.

NALFA has been setting the standard in the laminate flooring industry for the past 12 years. For more information on the LAMMY Awards and category criteria, please visit www.nalfa.com.

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