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NBMDA President Uses 30-Year Industry Experience to Drive Organization

April 17, 2007 (Chicago) The North American Building Material Distribution Association (NBMDA) announced today that Roger Debnam has recently been elected President of the association.

Debnam, president of Wurth Wood Group in Charlotte, North Carolina, brings with him more than 30 years of industry experience and has been actively involved with NBMDA for a number of years. Prior to his recent appointment, Debnam served two years on the association's Executive Committee and held a variety of volunteer positions, including roles as a committee member, chair and director.

"I look forward to working with other members of the NBMDA Board and the association on the important issues and emerging trends faced by our industry," commented Debnam. "We are well positioned to grow our service offerings, and I look forward to serving as president during this very exciting time."

Debnam began his career in 1976 and has held sales and general management positions in a number of companies. In 1993, he assumed the role of sales manager of Charlotte Hardwood Center, which today is known as Wurth Wood Group. At that time, Charlotte Hardwood Center was comprised of three locations. During his six years as sales manager, the company grew from three locations to seven, and the parent company became known as The Hardwood Group. In 1999, The Hardwood Group was purchased by the Würth Group of Germany. In 2006, The Hardwood Group consolidated the individual company names into Wurth Wood Group.

Today, as president of Wurth Wood Group, Debnam oversees 11 branch locations that distribute wood, surfacing materials, finishing systems, hardware and other related items to the cabinet industry in the Southeast market.

"We are very fortunate to have Roger serve as President as he is a recognized leader in the industry," commented Kevin Gammonley, NBMDA's Executive Vice President. "He has shown the vision, skills and knowledge needed to lead NBMDA."

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Editors: You may download a high-resolution photo of Roger Debnam, as well as the electronic version of this release by visiting www.nbmda.org/About/Press.cfm.

About NBMDA

NBMDA is a multi-segment trade association representing the leading wholesale distributors of specialty building products and woodworking materials. Membership segments represent distributors and manufacturers that serve the independent building material, lumber and kitchen and bath dealer, regional and national home centers, as well as those that serve production companies involved in cabinetry, architectural woodwork, stock woodwork, store fixtures, solid surface fabricating, plastics fabricating, general and specialty woodworking industries. Distributor members operate from more than nine hundred distribution centers throughout the U.S. and Canada. The association's collective purchasing power exceeds \$25 billion. Founded in 1952, NBMDA's mission is to develop and promote the effectiveness of distribution processes to improve member profitability and growth.