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New Facility Acquired

High Point, N.C. — Whitewood Industries, parent company to John Thomas Furniture, has acquired a 60,000 sq-ft facility in High Point in order to expand its popular custom finish program---SELECT.

The facility, formally Arpel Leather, located at 1004 Old Thomasville Road is strategically located three miles from the company's other campuses and takes the company's total operational foot print to just over 500,000 sq-ft.

According to Bryan Sprinkles, John Thomas sales and marketing manager, the expansion has been in process for some time.

"Finding the optimum building in location and size, conducive to finishing efficiencies, proved to be a challenge. We are thrilled to have found this facility and are excited about reducing our ship times to their original slated 30-day turnaround for customers; something we've unfortunately been missing due to the program's rapid growth," states Sprinkles.

The acquisition is in direct demand to meet the program's growth, and expansion, into whole home products, heavily distressed finishes, and the recently added online digital draping feature which enables shoppers on-site, at retail, to visually experience furnishings in their chosen finish.

"Our sales team and retail partners have truly embraced all we have to offer," notes Sprinkles. "With this new facility we'll be able to consistently offer 30-day turnaround on orders."

The custom finish program, which offers a practical, mix-and-match assortment of solid wood product, launched in 2007 and quickly became the company's sweet spot. The facility, which is expected to be up and running by late January, is estimated to double the company's current throughput. It is also estimated, that the expansion will add another twenty-five to thirty job opportunities to the local residents.

“We are extremely excited to make this announcement. We would be remiss not to express a sincere thank you to all our valued retail partners for their continued support in making this happen,” states Sprinkles. “We work with the best in the business.”

About Whitewood Industries

Founded in 1979 as a distributor of ready-to-finish furniture to retail stores throughout the eastern United States, Whitewood Inds. has evolved into a leading supplier of both finished and unfinished furniture sold through leading retailers nationwide.

Today, its three divisions include: Whitewood Ready-To-Finish (unfinished furniture), John Thomas Furniture (casual dining and custom finish programs) and International Concepts (a supplier to specialty retailers). Whitewood is now based in Thomasville, N.C., where it employs 150 workers and has manufacturing, warehousing, corporate office and showroom facilities totaling 400,000 square feet. For more information, visit www.johnthomasfurniture.com.