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WHITEWOOD INDUSTRIES ACQUIRES CONTRACT FURNITURE MANUFACTURER
SEDGEWICK INDUSTRIES

Thomasville, N.C. — Whitewood Industries, manufacturer and supplier of mid-priced casual dining, ready-to-finish furniture retailers and specialty retail supplier, recently expanded its residential division to incorporate a Contract division with its acquisition of High Point based, **Sedgewick Industries**.

Jorge Mata, Whitewood Industries CEO, stated that the inspiration for the acquisition was inspired by two things.

“Our vision some thirty plus years ago was to always look for opportunities to grow as well as offer our customers the very best service and product the industry has to offer. Sedgewick Industries’ core values are in-line with our own. We have long wanted to break into the contract industry. The synergies of Whitewood Industries and Sedgewick Industries will ensure the future growth of both companies.”

According to Mata, it will be business as usual in regard to production and staffing. The founders of Sedgewick Industries, Kim and Leslie Crossman, will continue to manage production and the company's current staff will stay in place.

Located at 667 West Ward Ave in High Point, NC, Sedgewick Industries, sold under the name Custom Contract Furnishings, has been in business for twenty plus years and is a provider to fine contract suppliers throughout the U.S.

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About Whitewood Inds.

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.

About Custom Contract Furnishings

Started by husband and wife team Kim and Leslie Crossman, in 1990, Custom Contract Furnishings, also known as Sedgwick Industries, is a mid-to-high-end manufacturer of contract furnishings. Based in High Point, NC, operations include an 80,000+ sq-ft production facility and forty-two superior craftsmen.

The company offers complete custom manufacturing with an in-house sample department, CAD system for detail specifications and product engineering. Custom capabilities include the ability to manufacture from customer specs, color match finishes and a variety of options that meet customer cushion specifications.

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