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Hearth Products Controls, Miles Industries Ltd. Join National Fireplace Institute Advocate Program

Arlington, VA - National Fireplace Institute® (NFI), the certification agency for the hearth products industry, is pleased to announce three new hearth products manufacturers have joined the Advocate Program.

Hearth Products Control of Dayton, Ohio, Pacific Energy Fireplace Products, Ltd., of Duncan, BC, Canada, and Miles Industries Ltd., of North Vancouver, BC, Canada, join more than two-dozen hearth product manufacturers in full support of the NFI certification.

The NFI Advocate program represents the industry's shared commitment to promote excellence through certification of hearth industry professionals. NFI Certification identifies individuals who have passed an exam based on knowledge needed to properly plan and install hearth products and their venting systems. It is regarded as an outstanding indication of professional training and achievement.

With these two additions, 28 influential industry leaders have now fulfilled the following requirements to become an official NFI Advocate:

- Include the NFI logo in all their installation manuals along with a statement suggesting that NFI Certified Specialists install their products.
- Offer or promote NFI Certification to their dealers
- Receive accreditation of their training programs with NFI Continuing Education Units (CEUs) to help NFI Certified Specialists maintain their certification.

“The NFI Advocate program has received overwhelming response from hearth products manufacturers, giving the industry incredible momentum toward higher installation and service standards for our industry,” said Sue Kalish, NFI executive

director. “A growing number of industry companies continues to raise the bar of excellence in hearth product installation and service by partnering with the industry’s recognized agency, the National Fireplace Institute.”

NFI review courses and exams are offered at over 100 locations across the United States through HPBA affiliate events, by NFI Advocate manufacturers, chimney sweep organizations and industry trainers during the Spring and Summer training sessions. NFI is overseen by the HPB Education Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization, which for over 20 years has served the public interest by promoting safety, understanding and responsibility in all facets of hearth systems.

NFI ADVOCATES 2007

Associated Energy Systems,
in partnership with Enviro Products
Bernard Dalsin Mfg Co.
Blaze King Industries
CFM Corporation
Dansons Group, Inc.
DESA Heating Products
Empire Comfort Systems
firegear LLC
Fireplace Fronts, Inc.
FPI - Fireplace Products
International Ltd.
Hargrove Manufacturing Corp.
Harman Stove Company
Hearth Classics
Hearth Products Controls

HearthStone Quality Home Heating
Products, Inc.
Heatilator, Heat & Glo, Quadra-Fire
ICC Industrial Chimney Company
Jotul North America, Inc.
Kozy Heat
Lennox Hearth Products®/Security
Chimneys International
Mendota Hearth Products
Monessen Hearth Systems
Napoleon Fireplaces Wolf Steel Ltd.
Pacific Energy Fireplace Products, Ltd.
Robert H. Peterson Company
Thelin Co., Inc.
Travis Industries, Inc.
Valor/Miles Industries, Ltd.

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