



DOREL SET TO INTRODUCE RECORD NUMBER OF NEW PRODUCTS AT FURNITURE SHOW

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READY-TO-ASSEMBLE

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HOME FURNISHINGS

Dorel Home Products
Cosco
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Montreal, April 17, 2002 - Dorel Industries Inc. (TSE: DII.A, DII.B; NASDAQ: DIIBF) will introduce a record number of new products at the bi-annual International Home Furnishings Market, beginning in High Point, North Carolina, tomorrow. The Market, recognized as the largest and most important wholesale home furnishings market in the world, is attended by 82,000 industry professionals from more than 110 countries, and brings together over 3,000 manufacturers representing all areas of the furniture industry. Dorel operates a 25,000 square foot showroom at High Point.

Dorel's Ameriwood division will introduce eight new Ready-to-Assemble (RTA) collections. Exciting new finishes and hardware will complement style and functions. In addition, five furniture collections incorporating stylish metal and wood components will be shown. Particular emphasis will be put on home office furniture where a series of products using light weight wood veneer surfaces up to 2 inches in thickness, create a more massive and solid look in a very lightweight product.

Dorel Home Products will showcase six new futons including unique designs specifically targeted to the mass market. Dorel Asia will again be an important part of the High Point Market with fresh designs in a wide assortment of furniture and accessories produced by some of the best factories in Asia. Of particular interest will be high quality imported motion-seating products.

Dorel's Cosco Home and Office Division will feature new storable tables ideally suited for smaller rooms and an innovative line of stackable chairs with a unique European look.

"We are excited about the strength of our new product introductions at the International Furniture Market," noted Pierre Dupuis, Chief Operating Officer of Dorel. "Our design teams have been totally committed to better products and value for retailers and consumers. Product development has always been a critical factor in our success and we believe this latest series of introductions will continue to position the Company as a leader in the furniture industry."

Note: Dorel will release its first quarter results on Wednesday, April 24th. The Company will be holding a conference call that same day at 11:30 AM Eastern Daylight Saving Time, to discuss its first quarter results. Anyone interested is asked to call (514) 985-7007 (in Montreal or overseas) or 1-888-294-1314 (elsewhere in North America). It is also possible to sit in on the conference call through webcasting sites at the following addresses: www.newswire.ca or www.q1234.com.

Profile

Dorel Industries Inc. is a rapidly growing global consumer products manufacturer specializing in three product areas: juvenile products, ready-to-assemble (RTA) furniture, and home furnishings. Dorel's product offerings include a wide variety of RTA furniture for home and office use; juvenile products such as infant car seats, strollers, high chairs, toddler beds, cribs, infant health and safety aids, play-yards and juvenile accessories; and home furnishings such as metal folding furniture, chairs, tables, futons and step stools.

Dorel employs approximately 3,600 people in nine countries. Major North American facilities are located in Montreal, Quebec; Cornwall, Ontario; Columbus, Indiana; Wright City, Missouri; Tiffin, Ohio; Dowagiac, Michigan; and Canton, Massachusetts. The Company's major divisions in the United States include Ameriwood Industries and the Dorel Juvenile Group (DJG USA), which incorporates the Cosco and Safety 1st brand names. In Canada, Dorel operates Ridgewood Industries and Dorel Home Products. European operations are carried out through the Dorel Juvenile Group (DJG Europe) which includes the Maxi-Cosi, Quinny and Safety 1st brand names. Dorel's international sourcing operations are carried out through Dorel Asia based in Hong Kong.