

**JUVENILE**

Cosco
Maxi-Milliaan B.V.
Safety 1st
Dorel (U.K.)

READY-TO-ASSEMBLE

Ameriwood
Ridgewood

HOME FURNISHINGS

Dorel Home Products
Cosco
Dorel Asia

EXCHANGES**CANADA:**

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DOREL INDUSTRIES FILES PRELIMINARY SHORT FORM PROSPECTUS FOR \$135 MILLION NEW ISSUE

Montreal, Quebec, May 1, 2002 – Dorel Industries Inc. (TSE: DII.B and TSE:DII.A) has filed a preliminary short form prospectus in each of the provinces of Canada with respect to its previously-announced offering of 3.5 million Class B Subordinate Voting Shares at a price of \$38.50 per share.

On April 26, 2002, Dorel announced that it had entered into an agreement with a syndicate of underwriters led by CIBC World Markets Inc. under which the underwriters have agreed to buy and sell to the public 3.5 million of Dorel's Class B Subordinate Voting Shares. Of these, 2.5 million shares are from Dorel's treasury and one million shares from members of senior management. The underwriters also have an option to purchase up to an additional 500,000 Class B Subordinate Voting Shares from treasury, exercisable at any time up to 24 hours prior to closing.

The estimated net proceeds to be received by Dorel from the sale of the shares will be approximately \$92.2 million (\$110.7 million if the underwriters' option is exercised in full). The net proceeds will be used by Dorel to reduce bank indebtedness. Closing of the offering is expected to occur on May 22, 2002.

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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; Cartersville, Georgia; 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.

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Forward-Looking Statements

Except for historical information provided herein, this press release may contain information and statements of a forward-looking nature concerning the future performance of the Company. These statements are based on suppositions and uncertainties as well as on management's best possible evaluation of future events. Such factors may include, without excluding other considerations, fluctuations in quarterly results, evolution in customer demand for the Company's products and services, the impact of price pressures exerted by competitors, and general market trends or economic changes. As a result, readers are advised that actual results may differ from expected results.