



## C O M M U N I Q U É

### JUVENILE

Cosco  
Safety 1<sup>st</sup>  
Maxi-Cosi  
Bébé Confort  
Quinny  
Baby Relax  
Babidéal  
Mon Bébé  
Bertini  
Mother's Choice

### RECREATIONAL / LEISURE

Cannondale  
GT  
SUGOI  
Pacific Cycle  
Schwinn  
Mongoose  
InSTEP  
PlaySafe  
Pacific Outdoors

### HOME FURNISHINGS

Ameriwood  
Altra Furniture  
Dorel Home Products  
Cosco Home & Office  
Dorel Asia  
Cosco Ability Care Essentials  
Adepta

### EXCHANGES

TSX: DII.B, DII.A

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## DOREL INCREASES U.S. RTA FURNITURE PRODUCTION Current strong demand requires additional capacity

**Montreal, August 19, 2008** — Dorel Industries Inc. (TSX: DII.B DII.A) today announced that Ameriwood Industries, the Company's ready-to-assemble domestic furniture division, is ramping up its Dowagiac, Michigan facility, where operations were suspended in July 2007. A production line is being opened to accommodate the current demand in ready-to-assemble (RTA) furniture product. It is anticipated that up to 100 manufacturing positions could be created over time as demand dictates.

Sales of RTA furniture were strong during the most recent quarter ended June 30, 2008, despite the overall slowdown in the home furnishings retail sector. Demand for domestically produced product has increased markedly, allowing the segment's North American two main factories to run much more efficiently and necessitating the need for additional capacity at Dowagiac.

### Profile

**Dorel Industries Inc.** (TSX: DII.B, DII.A) is a world class juvenile products and bicycle company. Established in 1962, Dorel creates style and excitement in equal measure to safety, quality and value. The Company's lifestyle leadership position is pronounced in both its Juvenile and bicycle categories with an array of trend-setting products. In the Juvenile segment, Dorel's powerfully branded products such as **Quinny**, **Maxi-Cosi**, **Safety 1<sup>st</sup>** and **Bébé Confort** have shown the way to safety, originality and fashion. Similarly, its highly popular brands such as **Cannondale**, **Schwinn**, **GT**, **Mongoose** and **SUGOI** have made Dorel a principal player with both independent bicycle dealers and mass merchants. Dorel's Home Furnishings segment markets a wide assortment of furniture products, both domestically produced and imported. The Company exerts relentless innovation and marketing flair across all of its divisions. Dorel is a \$2 billion company with forty-six hundred employees, facilities in seventeen countries, and sales worldwide.

US operations include **Dorel Juvenile Group USA**; the **Cannondale Sports Group**; **Pacific Cycle**; **Ameriwood Industries** which produces ready-to-assemble furniture; **Altra Furniture**; and **Cosco Home & Office**. In Canada, Dorel operates **Dorel Distribution Canada**, **Dorel Home Products** and **SUGOI**. Abroad, operations include **Dorel Europe** and **IGC** in Australia, a manufacturer and distributor of juvenile products. **Dorel Asia** sources and imports home furnishings products. **Dorel China** has eight offices which oversee the sourcing, engineering and logistics of the Company's Asian supplier chain.

### **Caution Concerning 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 Dorel Industries Inc. These statements are based on suppositions and uncertainties as well as on management's best possible evaluation of future events. The business of the Company and these forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from expected results. Important factors which could cause such differences may include, without excluding other considerations, increases in raw material costs, particularly for key input factors such as particle board and resins; increases in ocean freight container costs; failure of new products to meet demand expectations; changes to the Company's effective income tax rate as a result of changes in the anticipated geographic mix of revenues; the impact of price pressures exerted by competitors, and settlements for product liability cases which exceed the Company's insurance coverage limits. A description of the above mentioned items and certain additional risk factors are discussed in the Company's Annual MD&A and Annual Information Form, filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada and the U.S. The risk factors outlined in the previously mentioned documents are specifically incorporated herein by reference. The Company's business, financial condition, or operating results could be materially adversely affected if any of these risks and uncertainties were to materialize. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results.