## **HunterDouglas**

## Hunter Douglas acquires Blöcker, Bremen

Rotterdam, January 21, 2005 - Hunter Douglas, the world market leader in Window Coverings, has acquired Blöcker, a Bremen, Germany based distributor primarily of Pleated Blind Systems and Fabrics. Terms were not disclosed.

Blöcker has a strong market position in Germany and is expanding throughout Europe.

The company had sales in 2004 of about EUR 20 million and has 53 employees. The company's management and strategy will remain unchanged.

The acquisition strengthens Hunter Douglas' position in the growing market for Pleated Blinds in Europe and Blöcker is expected to benefit from Hunter Douglas' European distribution network.

Hunter Douglas has its Head Office in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and a Management Office in Lucerne, Switzerland. The group is comprised of 159 companies with 64 manufacturing and 95 assembly and distribution operations in more than 100 countries.

The shares of Hunter Douglas N.V. are traded on the Dutch and German Stock Exchanges.

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