



Hunter Douglas acquires Bytheway's of California

Rotterdam, October 15, 2002 - Hunter Douglas, the world market leader in window coverings, has acquired Bytheway's, a Sacramento, California based fabricator of Hunter Douglas window covering products.

Bytheway's had sales in 2001 of USD45 million and employs 300 people. The company's management will remain unchanged and its employment will not be affected. Terms were not disclosed.

The acquisition of Bytheway's will further strengthen Hunter Douglas' position in the western U.S. window covering markets.

Hunter Douglas has its Head Office in Rotterdam, the Netherlands and a Management Office in Luzern, Switzerland. The Group is comprised of a 147 companies with 63 manufacturing and 84 assembly operations in more than a 100 countries. Hunter Douglas had sales in 2001 of EUR 1,730 million and employs about 14,500 people.

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