



Hunter Douglas acquires French Blindmakers Filtersun and Goeland

Rotterdam, August 14, 2003 - Hunter Douglas, the world market leader in window coverings, has acquired Filtersun and Goeland from Arquati, an Italian company listed on the Milan Stock Exchange. Terms were not disclosed.

In May Hunter Douglas acquired three blindmakers from Arquati in Sweden, Switzerland and Spain.

Filtersun and Goeland assemble and distribute a range of window covering products in France. The companies had combined sales in 2002 of EUR 16 mln and employ 153 people. Their operations and management will remain unchanged.

This acquisition will strengthen Hunter Douglas' position and product offering in France where it distributes materials for window coverings to independent blindmakers and where Luxaflex® window coverings are assembled and distributed by Filtrasol, a company-owned blindmaker.

Hunter Douglas has its Head office in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and a Management office in Lucerne, Switzerland. The Group is comprised of 155 companies with 64 manufacturing and 91 assembly operations in more than 100 countries. Hunter Douglas had sales in 2002 of EUR 1,692 million and has about 15,500 employees.

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