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Shaw Contract Group Australia Expands Brand's Offerings and Services in Asia Pacific

Cartersville, Ga. – August 24, 2009 – The Shaw Commercial Division announces the creation of Shaw Contract Group Australia, the exclusive distributor and sales organization for Shaw commercial products in Australia. This announcement is the result of Shaw's acquisition of Purchasing Solutions, its assets and employees. Shaw Commercial's expanded presence in Australia and New Zealand increases the level of service available for customers in these markets while reinforcing the strength of the company's vertically integrated approach to the production of sustainable flooring products for commercial environments.

"As a wholly owned subsidiary of Shaw Industries Group, Inc., Shaw Contract Group Australia brings local expertise combined with award winning products, quality and design from the world's largest carpet manufacturer to this growing market," says John Davis, Vice President of International Sales. "This acquisition is another step in Shaw's growth as the floor provider of choice to international markets. Shaw Contract Group Australia will leverage the resources of Shaw's vertically integrated manufacturing, international product reclamation efforts, and the strength of the company's sustainability efforts with cradle-to-cradle design."

Purchasing Solutions began supplying Shaw products to the Australian New Zealand markets in 2006. According to managing director Denis Peltier, Shaw Contract Group Australia creates a definite market advantage. "Becoming even more closely aligned with Shaw presents the team here with more tools and benefits to supply our customers with the best performing and sustainable commercial products available," he says.

Shaw Contract Group Australia will maintain its headquarters in Melbourne with a team of sales representatives who will service all states throughout the country and in New Zealand. This distributorship accesses all of Shaw's commercial branded products, many of which utilize EcoWorx carpet tile backing, EcoWorx Performance Broadloom and Eco Solution Q nylon components that are certified through Good Environmental Choice Australia, the only environmental labeling program in Australia.

In addition to Shaw Contract Group Australia, Shaw Contract Group operates around the world with showrooms in London, Singapore and Shanghai, New York City, Chicago and San Francisco.

About Shaw Industries

Shaw Industries Group, Inc., a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., is the world's largest carpet manufacturer and a leading floor covering provider with more than \$5 billion in annual sales and approximately 26,000 associates. Headquartered in Dalton, Ga., the company manufactures and distributes carpeting, rugs, hardwood, laminate and ceramic tile for residential and commercial applications worldwide. A recognized leader in environmental stewardship, Shaw has implemented hundreds of sustainability initiatives and cradle to cradle design solutions, collectively termed the Shaw Green Edge. Commercial brands Shaw Contract Group, Patcraft Designweave, and Shaw Hospitality Group combine industry leading design with performance and sustainability. For more information, visit www.shawcontractgroup.com.