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Shaw Industries Announces Environmental Certification

DALTON, Ga. – November 29, 2005 – Shaw Industries will certify more than 50 manufacturing facilities under a new environmental management system by year end 2006. The Shaw Environmental Management System (SES) is based on the requirements contained in the ISO 14001:2004 with provisions that are relevant and applicable to the company's organization.

The Shaw Environmental Management System reflects the company's commitment to regulatory compliance, the prevention of pollution, and the continual improvement of its environmental management practices. Through its environmental policy, it establishes a means of measuring environmental performance in relation to environmental objectives and targets set forth in the Shaw Environmental Management System process.

"The Shaw Environmental Management System includes an environmental policy with elements that are required by the international ISO14000 standard, as well as those expressing our cradle to cradle vision for the future," said Steve Bradfield, director of environmental affairs at Shaw Industries. "It allows us to express our aspirations in a format that reflects the full spectrum of Shaw's commitment to environmental stewardship with the full support of senior management."

Shaw Environmental Management System certification will be maintained and audited jointly with the ISO 9001:2000 which is based on the Shaw Quality System. Corporate Quality Engineering and Risk Management will together perform system audits that assess conformance to the Shaw Environmental Management System. Based on the certification audits and periodic surveillance audits, a facility will gain and maintain certification to the Shaw Environmental Management System.

About Shaw

Shaw Industries, the world's largest carpet manufacturer, produces and sells carpet, rugs, ceramic, hardwood and laminate flooring for residential and commercial applications throughout the world. Shaw's commercial brands include Shaw Contract Group, Patcraft and Designweave. A subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Shaw is headquartered in Dalton, Ga.

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