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BRIGGS AIDS KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS

Charleston, S.C. -- Briggs Industries, Inc., a leading producer of quality plumbing fixtures, has provided FEMA with more than 20,000 toilets to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

“After we saw the incredible devastation left by Katrina, we called FEMA,” said Bill Houlin, President and CEO of Briggs Industries. “We knew that we had to act quickly to help.”

Briggs contacted FEMA to offer assistance with building manufactured housing units for hurricane victims and additional tow-behind units that will serve as temporary offices for disaster relief efforts. In a time when there is concern over companies taking advantage of the no-bid contracts with FEMA, Briggs has gone the other direction, negotiating a deal to provide toilets at cost and with priority shipping for relief housing and offices.

“The catastrophe could have just as easily happened to us. We wanted to give something back in a big way,” said Bob Robison, the Vice President of Sales for Briggs. Due to the urgency of the situation, Robison acted quickly to execute top-priority shipping from Brigg’s South Carolina warehouses.

More than 20,000 toilets were shipped under this special program within just three weeks after the hurricane. Briggs’ benevolent effort has helped to provide relief housing for an estimated 60,000 people.

Briggs Industries, Inc., is a global producer of quality plumbing fixtures, with manufacturing facilities throughout the Americas. Product lines include vitreous china toilets, bidets, lavatories, bathtubs and kitchen sinks, plus the Sayco brand of faucets. Additional information can be found at www.briggsindustries.com.

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