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## NEWS

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### **After 25 years, industry marketing veteran Jim Snodgrass retires from Contact Industries**

**April 13, 2009**, Portland, Ore. – Contact Industries, a leading manufacturer of profile-wrapped components, mouldings, and millwork, announced today the retirement of Jim Snodgrass, sales manager and vice president of export sales, effective April 15, 2009. Snodgrass has been with Contact Industries for 25 years, handling marketing activities and regional domestic sales as well as export sales.

“Jim’s expertise and insights will be missed. He deserves much of the credit for establishing the Contact Industries brand in the marketplace. We wish him all the best for a long and happy retirement,” said Peter McKibbin, Contact Industries’ Vice President.

McKibbin indicated that Snodgrass’ responsibilities will be divided among the remaining sales staff, including sales managers Pete Himes, Duane Roth, Greg Wiltjer, and Ernie Glanville.

Snodgrass graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education. He went on to teach high school for two years and served in the U.S. Army for two and a half years before starting his career in the building products industry. Prior to joining Contact Industries, he worked in sales for Orepac Building Products, a wholesale building products distributor, and was the marketing manager for the Wood Moulding and Millwork Producers Association (WMMPA), an international trade association for millwork producers.

Later, while working at Contact Industries, Snodgrass served as the president and treasurer of WMMPA. He also served on the association’s board of directors and as chairman of the marketing and export committees. During his career, Snodgrass was deeply involved in the industry’s export activities, through both WMMPA and the Softwood Export Council.

In 2004, Governor Ted Kulongowski appointed Snodgrass to serve a four-year term on the Oregon International Trade Commission, which exists to stimulate Oregon’s economy and job

growth, while also helping businesses become more competitive on an international level. He was appointed on the basis of his extensive knowledge of and involvement in international trade, and served as a representative of eastern Oregon and the natural resource sector of the state's economy. Snodgrass worked alongside the state's senators and 14 other business executives to plan and develop policy initiatives concerning international trade.

In addition, he has been active in U.S.-Asian country relations as a member of the U.S. Housing Trade Mission to China, the Portland China Council, and the Japan American Society. He has been a guest speaker at the U.S.-Japan Housing Conference and the AFPA Housing Conference in Korea.

Jim plans to retire in Lake Oswego, Ore. where he and his wife Kathy currently reside, and he is looking forward to spending time with his three children and nine grandchildren.

**About Contact Industries:**

Contact Industries' veneer wrapped solutions and advances in adhesive technology eliminate delamination concerns and allow their products to perform better than the solid woods they replace. Contact Industries is capable of wrapping any species of real wood veneer over profiles in almost any substrate, including metal, vinyl, fiberglass and a variety of wood composite materials. In addition to wood veneers, Contact is also capable of wrapping synthetics such as printed and embossed vinyls and impregnated cellulose over both wood and non-wood substrates. After completing an extensive accreditation process, Contact Industries was awarded Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) chain-of-custody certification. For more information, visit [www.contactind.com](http://www.contactind.com) or call 800.547.1038.

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