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Subject: Hemmer Completes ACE Hardware in Hebron

Hebron, KY – Just in time for the spring season Paul Hemmer Companies announces the completion of the new ACE Hardware located at 3545 North Bend Road (KY 237) in Hebron. The 13,720 sq. ft. hardware store will open April 1 and also includes a 3,416 sq. ft. outdoor sales area. The store will offer items such as: paint, tools, electrical, plumbing, hardware, housewares, lawn and garden, automotive and gifts and collectables. Grand Opening events will take place in mid-May during the nationwide grand-opening-of-stores event.

Queen City Hardware, LLC is the operator of the store and is comprised of three current ACE Hardware operators: Dick and Cynthia Blandford, Boone County residents and current operators of ACE Hardware, Florence, KY, and Scott DeMar and Russ Theuring, co-operators of ACE Hardware, Deer Park, OH. The partnership is looking forward to opening a store in a growing and underserved market. “By providing a high level of customer service, our goal is to be the premier retailer of quality hardware items in the Hebron, KY market”, said Dick Blandford.

ACE Hardware Corporation is a cooperative of 4,800 independent retail stores nationwide. Through the company’s spokesperson, John Madden, it is recognized for high level of service and information it provides to its customers. An important feature includes the ACE Rewards Club, a preferred customer program, which allows members to earn points and credit towards purchases.

Paul Hemmer Companies has grown its relationship with ACE Hardware over the past few years. The Hebron store represents the eighth ACE project that Hemmer has

been involved with; three in the Cincinnati market and five in Chicago. Andrew Sellet, of Colliers Turley Martin Tucker, helped facilitate the lease between Queen City Hardware LLC and Paul Hemmer Companies.

Founded in 1982, Paul Hemmer Companies is one of the tri-state's largest real estate development, building and construction services firms, with projects throughout the United States. Deloitte, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and Cincinnati USA have ranked Paul Hemmer Companies the 40th largest and fastest growing privately held company in Greater Cincinnati. Paul Hemmer Companies was also named as the 2007 Small Business of the Year by Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber. Specializing in design/build industrial, commercial, and retail construction and real estate, Paul Hemmer Companies also offers site selection, tenant improvements and complete building care services. It has developed nearly 15 million sq. ft. of industrial, commercial and retail property.

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